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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/19/73

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-2417) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN TRUDELL  
EM - AIM  
OO: LAS VEGAS

From 2/27/73 - 5/8/73, Wounded Knee, South Dakota was occupied and held forcefully by members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and their supporters. During a search of the Catholic Church at Wounded Knee on 5/8/73, SA [ ] located a typewriter case containing various personal papers of RUSSELL C. MEANS, a leading spokesman for the insurgents. Included in this case were over 600 registration-type cards (MP 70-6832-1B-182).

The exact significance of these cards is not known, however, current Bureau instructions are that 157 cases be opened on all individuals or names of individuals who are associated with AIM and who may have participated in or supported the actions of AIM at Wounded Knee.

The Bureau has instructed that preliminary investigation be limited to search of indices, arrest check and canvass of informants and that office of origin is designated as that division covering an individual's residence. Results of investigation should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination to the Bureau and Minneapolis.

A card containing the following information was obtained during the aforementioned search:

TRUDELL, JOHN  
#337 Ocoyhee, Ne  
(702) 757-3278

2-Bureau  
2-Las Vegas  
3-Minneapolis

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LAS VEGAS

AT OCOYHEE, NEVADA. Will attempt to obtain background information regarding the subject.

Will consider interviewing subject as a subject of a Federal violation and/or witness or potential informant.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. Will search indices.

AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA. Will search indices, conduct arrest check and contact informants.

This case is being worked in connection with the Wounded Knee Special and should be handled expeditiously.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 17, 1973

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-2417) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN TRUDELL  
EM - AIM  
OO: LAS VEGAS

Enclosed herewith for Las Vegas are two photos of subject.

Re Minneapolis letter to Bureau dated 6/19/73.

On 7/31/73, the records of the Rapid City Police Department, Rapid City, South Dakota, and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Rapid City, were reviewed by SA [redacted] with negative results, for any information identifiable with captioned subject.

On 8/13/73, the records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Census Office, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and the Pine Ridge Police Department, Pine Ridge, were reviewed by SC [redacted] with negative results as to any information concerning subject.

Indices of the Minneapolis FBI Office were reviewed with negative results.

Indices of the Rapid City Command Post, Rapid City, South Dakota, reveal the following information concerning subject:

In Minneapolis airtel to the Bureau, 5/22/73, captioned "National Wounded Knee Communications Center, 208 11th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, 5/9/72, EM-AIA", it was learned, on 5/9/72, during the execution of a Federal Search warrant on the above Center, captioned subject was located inside the center. No further information available concerning this matter.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Las Vegas (Encs. 2)
- 1 - Minneapolis

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In a letter from San Francisco to Minneapolis, 3/9/73, San Francisco furnished a list of AIM members and sympathizers who have come to the attention of the San Francisco Division. Included in this list was the name JOHN TRUDELL, with the notation "could possibly be alcatraz takeover leader; AIM leader; and Speaker at demonstration which took place 3/7/73, at San Francisco.

The only other information contained in the Command Post indices is a photograph of subject taken from the Wounded Knee photograph file. There is no notation as to when or where this photograph was taken.

The following knowledgeable sources were contacted for any information they may possess concerning captioned subject. The following results were obtained:

On 8/13/73, [ ] was contacted by SA [ ]  
[ ] Subject was unknown to source.

On 8/15/73, [ ] was contacted by SA [ ]  
[ ] Source advised subject is an AIM Leader of unknown rank. He is militant in his beliefs. No further information obtained.

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In the absence of any further information, no further investigation is being conducted by the Minneapolis Division, and this matter is being placed in an RUC status.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/27/73

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1265) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN TRUDELL  
EM - AIM  
OO: Las Vegas

Re Minneapolis letter to Bureau, 6/19/73 and  
8/17/73.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee,  
Nevada, furnished the following information concerning  
the subject:

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On 9/4/73, he advised that the subject is a  
Santee Sioux Indian and is a member of the Sioux Nation.

He advised that the subject was one of the original  
participants in the take over of the Alcatraz Island when  
the Indians took over this island and utilized it as an  
Indian colony. He advised that it was during this period  
of time that the subject met his wife MAUREEN T. MANNING,  
who is a Shoshone Indian, who was born and raised on the  
Duck Valley Indian Reservation. [redacted] stated  
that he did not know where MANNING and the subject were  
married, but believed it was in the state of California.

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[redacted] stated that the subject and his  
wife came to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation during  
June, 1972, to take over the operation of the ranch owned  
by ARTHUR T. MANNING, father of MAUREEN T. MANNING, inas-  
much as ARTHUR MANNING had been involved in an accident.  
He stated that ARTHUR MANNING is the tribal chairman of  
the tribal council of the Western Shoshone Paiute Tribal  
Council of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

[redacted] further advised that the subject  
was in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the uprising  
of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and that the subject  
went to Wounded Knee prior to the time that he, [redacted]

[redacted] and had not returned to  
the Duck Valley Indian Reservation at the time [redacted]

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1 - Minneapolis (157-2417) (Info)  
1 - Butte (Info)  
2 - Sacramento  
3 - Las Vegas  
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was returned to the reservation after [redacted]  
[redacted]

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He stated that the subject and his wife also attended the American Indian Movement National Convention at White Oak, Oklahoma, during July and August, 1973, and in fact, neither his wife or the subject has returned to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

[redacted] went on to state that prior to the take over at Wounded Knee, South Dakota by militant Indians the subject [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. [redacted] stated he based the reasoning for this statement on the fact of the subjects marriage to ARTHUR MANNING's daughter, and that Mr. MANNING is a tribal chairman of the Western Shoshone Paiute Indians on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

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[redacted] further stated that he believes, but is not positive that the subject was instrumental in the actual take over of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

He did state that subject's wife was not at Wounded Knee to the best of his knowledge.

[redacted] further stated that the subject has been to the reservation since June, 1972 off and on but that he did spend the months of November, December, and January on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

He stated also that the subject was arrested on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on 3/16/73 on a charge of no driver's license. He stated the subject was not fingerprinted by the Indian authorities as a result of this violation and the subject claimed that he did not have a valid Nevada driver's license, but did produce a California driver's license which had on it a Berkeley, California address.

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[redacted] stated that this California license was not valid as it was out of date. He stated that on 3/16/73, the subject paid \$25 fine concerning this matter.

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From information obtained from records of the Indian Police at the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, JOHN TRUDELL is described as follows:

Race	American Indian (4/4 Sioux blood)
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	2/15/46
Place of Birth	Omaha, Nebraska
Height	5'7"
Weight	148 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Residence	P.O. Box 337, Owyhee, Nevada

[redacted] further stated that the subject had

[redacted] the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada.

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Mrs. [redacted] Dispatcher, Nevada Highway Patrol, Elko, Nevada, advised on 9/11/73, that upon sending an inquiry to Carson City, Nevada, to the driver's license division, that JOHN TRUDELL does not have a permanent authorized Nevada driver's license on file with the Driver's License Division, DMV, Carson City, Nevada.

She informed that the subject's wife MAUREEN TRUDELL or MAUREEN T. MANNING does not have Nevada drivers license issued to her at the present time on file at the DMV, Driver's License Division. She stated that MAUREEN T. MANNING did have a Nevada driver's license which expired during 1972, and information on file reflects that MAUREEN T. MANNING TRUDELL is described as follows:

Sex	Female
Race	American Indian
Date of Birth	1/18/50
Place of Birth	Owyhee, Nevada
Height	5'4"
Weight	120 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Residence	P.O. Box 117, Owyhee, Nevada

*Mrs. John Trudell*

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[redacted] Auto Registration Division, DMV, Carson City, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] on 8/13/73, that Nevada license ELC276 is registered to a 1970 Dodge, two door hard top, VIN JH23G0E123471, registered on 12/29/72, to JOHN TRUDELL and MAUREEN T. MANNING, P.O. Box 337, Owyhee, Nevada, with an expiration date of 12/31/73.

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LEADS:

BUTTE DIVISION

At Boise, Idaho

One copy of this letter is being furnished for the Butte Division for information inasmuch as this extremist has listed his permanent residence as the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, which reservation is half in the state of Idaho, and half in the state of Nevada, and mileage distance wise it is closer to Boise, Idaho than Elko, Nevada.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

One copy of this letter is being furnished to the Minneapolis Division for information as investigation discloses that the subject is a Santee Sioux and a member of the Sioux Nation.

SACRAMENTO DIVISION

At Sacramento, California

Determine through the DMV, Driver's License Division if subject or his wife have valid California driver's licenses.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

At Owyhee, Nevada

Conduct further investigation concerning activities of the subject and the subject's wife.

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Date: 11/26/73

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-462483)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1265) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN TRUDELL  
EM - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT  
OO: Las Vegas

ReBuairtel, 11/6/73.

Enclosed to the Bureau are eight copies of LHM regarding captioned subject and two copies of same for Minneapolis.

There is no local Secret Service Office in the north section of the state of Nevada. This area of the state of Nevada is covered by the Secret Service Office at Sacramento, California.

LEADS:LAS VEGAS DIVISIONAt Owyhee, Nevada

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At the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, follow this matter concerning the American Indian Movement and the subject.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 8) ENCLOSURE  
2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 2)  
2 - Las Vegas

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Las Vegas, Nevada  
November 26, 1973

JOHN TRUDELL  
EXTREMIST MATTERS -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

This investigation is based on information which indicates the subject is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) or Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), as indicated hereafter. The subject has been identified as being actively involved in militant activities of the American Indian Movement (AIM). Since January, 1973, AIM has been actively involved in demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City and Custer areas of South Dakota. From February 27, 1973 through May 8, 1973, AIM leaders and members and their supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms taking a number of the community's residents as hostages. Before surrendering to Federal authorities, they engaged in numerous violent and destructive acts and gunfire was exchanged with Federal authorities, resulting in the death of two of the insurgents.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on October 12, 1973, that John Trudell is the National Co-chairman of the National American Indian Movement (NAIM) and is an officer of the NAIM.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City - Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February - May, 1973.

An article appearing in the "Minneapolis Tribune", a newspaper of general circulation within the Minneapolis, Minnesota area, under dateline of August 3, 1973, reported the following:

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ENCLOSURE





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 11, 1974

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: **JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
EXTREMIST MATTERS -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (2)  
U. S. Secret Service, **Oklahoma City and Las Vegas**  
Enclosure(s) (2)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Department of the Treasury  
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EXTREMIST MATTERS -  
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Director1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)).  
U. S. Secret Service , Sacramento

Enclosure(s) 1

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"White Oak, Oklahoma

"The American Indian Movement (AIM) elected new national officers Thursday at its convention here.

"John Trudell, who was active in the 1969 takeover of the former Alcatraz Federal Prison, was elected co-chairman."

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 4, 1973 that John Trudell is a Santee Sioux Indian and a member of the Sioux Nation.

This source furnished the following information:

He advised that the subject was one of the original participants in the takeover of Alcatraz Island when the Indians took over this island and utilized it as an Indian colony. He advised that it was during this period of time that the subject met his wife Maureen T. Manning, who is a Shoshone Indian, and who was born and raised on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. He stated that he did not know where Manning and the subject were married, but believed it was in the State of California.

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Source stated that the subject and his wife came to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, during June, 1972, to take over the operation of the ranch owned by Arthur T. Manning, father of Maureen T. Manning, inasmuch as Arthur Manning had been involved in an accident. He stated that Arthur Manning is the tribal chairman of the tribal council of the Western Shoshone Paiute Tribal Council of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee.

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Source further advised that the subject was in Wounded Knee during the uprising of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and believes, but is not positive, that the subject was instrumental in the actual takeover of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Wounded Knee.

He stated that the subject and his wife also attended the AIM National Convention at White Oak, Oklahoma, during July and August, 1973; and in fact, neither his wife nor the subject has returned to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

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Enclosed for Oklahoma City are the following:

Las Vegas letter to the Bureau, <sup>59-29508-4</sup> 11/26/73, with  
enclosures;

Las Vegas letter to the Bureau, <sup>157-29508-5</sup> 1/23/74, with  
enclosures.

JOHN TRUDELL

He went on to state that prior to the takeover at Wounded Knee by militant Indians, the subject [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

He stated he based the reasoning for this statement on the fact of the subject's marriage to Arthur Manning's daughter, and that Mr. Manning is a tribal chairman of the Western Shoshone Paiute Indians on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

He did state that the subject has been to the reservation since June, 1972 off and on, but that he did spend the months of November, December, 1972 and January, 1973, on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee.

Source stated the subject was arrested on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, on March 16, 1973, on a charge of no driver's license. He stated the subject was not fingerprinted by the Indian authorities as a result of this violation and the subject claimed that he did not have a valid Nevada driver's license, but did produce a California driver's license which had on it a Berkeley, California, address. He stated that this California license was not valid as it was out of date. He stated that on March 16, 1973, the subject paid a \$25 fine concerning this matter.

From information obtained from records of the Indian Police at the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, John Trudell is described as follows:

Race	American Indian (4/4 Sioux blood)
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	February 15, 1946
Place of Birth	Omaha, Nebraska
Height	5'7"
Weight	148 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Residence	P. O. Box 337, Owyhee, Nevada

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Source further stated that the subject [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada.

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: John Tundell

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SAC, DENVER (157-529) (P)

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)  
NATIONAL CONVENTION  
WHITE OAK, OKLAHOMA  
7/25-3/3/73  
RE: AIM  
OO: DENVER

*John Trudell*

Reference Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 8/6/73; Kansas City letter to Denver 12/13/73; Detroit letter to Denver 12/15/73; Las Vegas letter to Denver 12/11/73 and Denver letter to the Bureau 12/4/73.

Denver indices were searched concerning registered owners of vehicles observed at captioned convention as set forth in referenced Chicago airtel. No information was located concerning these individuals except those who are set forth below.

DETROIT DIVISION:

[Redacted]  
Michigan License [Redacted]

KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

[Redacted]  
Kansas License [Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
Kansas License [Redacted]  
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Kansas License [Redacted]

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The only information in Denver files regarding JUNE is that which was previously provided to Denver by Kansas City.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION:

JOHN TRUBELL and MARSHALL T. STANNING  
Nevada License #10276

JOHN TRUBELL was reportedly elected National Co-Chairman of AIA at captioned convention. Upon the arrest of CARLTON GALT for the shooting in late August, 1973, CLIFF BRILGOURT, CARLIS BARNES announced TRUBELL would be the acting national director of AIA.

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OMAHA DIVISION:

[REDACTED]  
Nebraska License [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-462483)

DATE: 1/23/74

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1265) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, aka  
John Trudell Manning

EM - AIM

OO: Las Vegas

Title of this case being marked changed to reflect the full name of the subject as JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL and the alias of JOHN TRUDELL MANNING, as obtained through investigation. Title previously carried as JOHN TRUDELL.

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Remylet and LHM to Bureau, 11/26/73.

Transmitted herewith to the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning the above-captioned subject.

Transmitted herewith for Minneapolis are two copies of the same LHM.

Also enclosed are two copies of FD-376 for dissemination to Secret Service. LHM also being disseminated to Secret Service, Sacramento.

Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are identified as follows:

Source One - [redacted]

Source Two - [redacted]

Source Three - [redacted]

Source Four - [redacted]

Owyhee, Nevada.

Source Five - [redacted]

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- 2 - Las Vegas

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LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At St. Paul, Minnesota

Determine if subject JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL is in this area concerning the trial of the Wounded Knee participants.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

At Elko and Owyhee, Nevada

Maintain contact with sources for further information concerning subject, JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL and his wife, MAUREEN TINA MANNING.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 23, 1974

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-1265

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EXTREMIST MATTER -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

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6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clarence M. Kelley".  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

- 1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, **Sacramento**

Enclosure(s)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Las Vegas, Nevada

January 23, 1974

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
EXTREMIST MATTER -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

On September 22, 1973, Source One furnished information that according to the government laws and constitution established by the American Indian Movement (AIM), Dennis Banks has given John Francis Trudell the power to act on behalf of Dennis Banks in Banks' absence. Source One stated that Banks is concerned that Trudell may become too well known, which will spoil Trudell's effectiveness, as Banks has tried to keep Trudell as a silent leader of AIM. Banks is of the opinion that if he, Banks, goes to jail, Trudell will replace Banks, upon Banks' recommendation.

AIM was founded in Minnesota in 1948, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

Source Two stated on August 29, 1973, that in view of the jailing and bond revocation of Carter Camp, John Trudell, the National AIM Co-Chairman, will assume full responsibility of the chairmanship of AIM.

Source Three furnished information on October 4, 1973, that Vernon Franklin Bellecourt was [redacted] driving a brown Toyota automobile, bearing 1973 Oklahoma license ZZ 7841.

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Sources whose identifies are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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ENCLOSURE

John Francis Trudell

The Department of Motor Vehicles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, indicates that Oklahoma license ZZ 7841 is issued to a 1973 Toyota, four-door, Vehicle Identification Number RE85064693, currently registered to John Trudell Manning, 1511 South Knoxville, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Source Four, furnished information on January 15, 1974, that John Francis Trudell has not returned to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, since Trudell and his wife, Maureen Tina Manning, left the Duck Valley Indian Reservation to attend the American Indian Movement National Convention at White Rock, Oklahoma, during July and August, 1973.

Source Five furnished information on January 16, 1974, that Maureen Tina Manning, wife of John Francis Trudell, returns to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, [redacted] This source stated that Manning lives with her father, Arthur T. Manning, [redacted]

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[redacted] the Duck Valley Indian Reservation and will be gone [redacted]

This source further stated that to the source's knowledge John Francis Trudell and Maureen Tina Manning are not married but have been living together since they met at Alcatraz Island.

According to Source Five, Maureen Tina Manning is presently on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Source Five stated [redacted] Maureen Tina Manning, Manning [redacted] her husband, John Trudell, [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - ~~100-492483~~ 157-29508 4/29/74 PFS/RR)

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1265) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
EM - AIM

DATE: 4/29/74

## Re Oklahoma City letter to Minneapolis, 4/3/74 (IO).

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security or extremist investigation by this office. The **Oklahoma City** Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The **Oklahoma City** Division is being considered the new Office of Origin.

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address,  
Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.

Unknown

Residence address

1511 Knoxville Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

## Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number

Responsibility

## Identification Division Data

Check OR note the following applicable statements:

- ☐ A security flash on subject has been **PREVIOUSLY** placed in FBI # \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, copy of this form is designated for Identification Division.
- ☐ A security flash on subject has been **PREVIOUSLY** placed in Identification Division; however, FBI number is **NOT KNOWN**. The following information, therefore, is being furnished and a copy of this form is designated for Identification Division.

Race:

Other Identifying Numbers:

Date and Place of Birth:

Fingerprint Classification:

**NOTE:** Do **NOT** designate **COPY** of FD-128 for Identification Division, if FD-165 previously **RETURNED** to field office because no fingerprints located on subject.

## Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual is the subject of an ADEX Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the ADEX at FBIHQ. The \_\_\_\_\_ indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ Subject is designated a Key Black Extremist.
- ☐ Subject is designated a Key Activist.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ Subject is included in the Extremist Photograph Album (EPA). The new Office of Origin should submit a new complete FD-432 showing the new address and Office of Origin of subject.
- ☒ Dissemination made Secret Service locally re above information.
- ☐ Subject included in Stop Index File at Bureau; copy of this form is designated for Data Processing Section.

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The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☐ ADEX Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
- ☐ Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph
- ☐ None available
- ☐ Previously furnished

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## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 157-29508)

DATE: 7/11/74

FROM : *WAG* OKLAHOMA CITY (157-1521) (P)SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, aka  
John F. Trudell,  
John Trudell,  
John Trudel, John Trudell Manning  
EM - AIM

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security or extremist investigation by this office. The \_\_\_\_\_ Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Las Vegas Division is being considered the new Office of Origin.

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address,  
Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.Childrens Foundation  
Washington, D.C.

Residence address

Box 337,  
Duck Valley Indian  
Reservation,  
Owyhee, Nevada

## Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_

## Identification Division Data

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Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Identifying Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Fingerprint Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Subject is designated a Key Black Extremist.
- ☐ Subject is designated a Key Activist.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ Subject is included in the Extremist Photograph Album (EPA). The new Office of Origin should submit a new complete FD-432 showing the new address and Office of Origin of subject.
- ☐ Dissemination made Secret Service locally re above information. (Two copies of FD-366 enclosed for the Bureau)

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The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☐ Adex Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) **OC rept dtd 7/11/74**
- ☐ Designated Office of Origin in receipt of all pertinent serials
- ☐ 2 copies of FD-366 (1 copy for dissemination to local Secret Service)
- ☒ Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
- ☐ Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph
- ☐ None available
- ☒ Previously furnished (Enc. to rept 7/11/74)

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Reporting Office <b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>	Office of Origin <b>LAS VEGAS</b>	Date <b>7/11/74</b>	Investigative Period <b>10/19/70 - 5/29/74</b>
Title of Case  <b>JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, aka John F. Trudell, John Trudell, John Trudel, John Trudell Manning</b>		Report made by  [Redacted]	Typed By:  <b>pwo</b>
		Character of Case  <b>EM - AIM</b>	

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## Non-Prosecutive

## REFERENCE:

## SUMMARY

Las Vegas letters to the Bureau, 11/26/73, and 1/23/74.

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## ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed for Denver, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, and WFO each is one photograph of JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Attached to two copies of this report for the Bureau are two copies of FD-376 (with photo attached), one of which is for dissemination to Secret Service, Washington, D.C. One copy this report with FD-376 attached furnished Las Vegas for dissemination to Secret Service locally. One copy report with FD-376 attached furnished Secret Service, Oklahoma City.

It is noted the period between the date of this report and the end of the investigative period of this report exceeds 30 days; however, investigating agent was involved in a major case investigation within the Oklahoma City Division entitled, [Redacted] UNSUB; [Redacted] - VICTIM, KIDNAPING; AR - HOBBS ACT - CONSPIRACY, OC 7-1117". Investigation in this matter caused the delay in the preparation of this report.

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Investigative period is extended to include information regarding subject's activities dating back to 1970.

FD-128 being submitted at this time designating Las Vegas as office of origin inasmuch as subject's permanent address is in that division.

Information copy being furnished Denver, Minneapolis, and WFO in view of their interest in subject's activities.

Specific leads are not being set forth in this report, however, will be set out in separate communications with results requested to be furnished Las Vegas Division.

Sources referred to in this report are as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
OC T-1 is [redacted] [redacted]	[redacted]	157-1521-6 157-1521-10 157-1521-15
OC T-2 is [redacted] [redacted]		157-1521-13 157-1521-14 157-1521-16
OC T-3 is [redacted] [redacted]		157-1521-24 157-1521-21 157-1521-22 157-1319-1217 and 1218 157-1521-53
OC T-4 is [redacted] [redacted]		157-1521-54
OC T-5 is [redacted] [redacted]		157-1521-27
OC T-6 is [redacted] [redacted]		157-1521-75 157-1521-28 157-1521-32 157-1521-43 157-1521-47

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OC T-13 is

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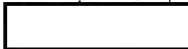
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Special Agents who viewed the AIM demonstration  
in Farmington, New Mexico, on 5/11/74, are SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted]



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## Copy to:

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1 - Secret Service, Oklahoma City

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## Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 157-29508

## Title:

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL

## Character:

EXTREMIST MATTERS - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

## Synopsis:

Background data on JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, aka JOHN TRUDELL MANNING, American Sioux Indian, date of birth 2/15/46, FBI Number 231 789 F, set forth. TRUDELL elected National Co-chairman of the American Indian Movement (AIM) at convention at White Oak, Oklahoma, 7/31 - 8/3/73, but later named National Chairman, his present position. Subject bragged of having furnished "heavy artillery" during takeover of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February, 1973. Subject also member of AIM Central Committee which makes all major decisions effecting AIM. Subject in constant travel status as AIM representative making speeches throughout the United States. Subject has expressed peaceful views in obtaining AIM objectives, but on occasions has also advocated violence. Subject attempting to focus attention on himself and project himself as logical leader of AIM if current AIM leaders are convicted and sent to prison as result of current trial in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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**Details:**

This investigation is based on information which indicates the subject is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) or 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), as indicated hereafter. The subject has been identified as being actively involved in militant activities of the American Indian Movement (AIM). Since January, 1973, AIM has been actively involved in demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City and Custer areas of South Dakota. From February 27, through May 8, 1973, AIM leaders and members and their supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms taking a number of the community's residents as hostages. Before surrendering to Federal authorities, they engaged in numerous violent and destructive acts and gunfire was exchanged with Federal authorities resulting in the death of two of the insurgents.

**I. BACKGROUND**

**A. Birth Data**

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL was born February 15, 1946, at Omaha, Nebraska. This information has not been verified although this is the data furnished by TRUDELL upon his arrest by Lawton, Oklahoma Police Department on January 14, 1972.

**B. Residences**

On January 15, 1972, Captain [redacted] Lawton, Oklahoma Police Department, advised subject, on January 14, 1972, furnished an address of 3245 East 5th Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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On January 22, 1974, Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] Oklahoma, advised that TRUDELL has in the past used her address where he occasionally receives his mail, although, he has never resided at this address.

On September 4, 1973, OC T-11 advised that TRUDELL [redacted] the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada. Information obtained from the records of the Indian Police at the Duck Valley Indian Reservation indicates subject's address as Post Office Box 337, Owyhee, Nevada.

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Subject was arrested in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on May 7, 1974, at which time he furnished address of 230 North Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

C. Employment

On February 21, 1974, OC T-4 advised TRUDELL is a Field Representative for the Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization created to research and support projects to find means of enhancing the welfare of underprivileged persons, particularly children, explicitly alleviating hunger and malnutrition. The Children's Foundation derives its conduit for funds from charitable and religious organizations, industry, commerce, and government for programs described above. The headquarters for the Children's Foundation is in Washington, D.C., telephone number (202) 296-4451.

D. Citizenship

TRUDELL is a United States citizen by birth; he is a Santee Sioux Indian and a member of the Sioux Nation. The latter information has not been verified.

E. Military Service

It is believed TRUDELL served in the United States Navy, dates unknown, and was assigned United States Navy Serial Number 689 63 25.

F. Education

Subject's educational background is unknown.

G. Marital Status

3245 E. 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE, TULSA, OKLA

On September 4, 1973, OC T-11 stated TRUDELL and his wife, MAUREEN TINA MANNING, met during the period when American Indians had taken over the former Alcatraz Federal Prison in California, in 1969. OC T-11 claimed subject's wife is a Shoshone Indian who was born and raised on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada.

On January 16, 1974, OC T-13 said to her knowledge TRUDELL and his wife are not married, but have been living together since they met at Alcatraz Island.

H. Arrest Record

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Subject was arrested on May 10, 1965, by the Los Angeles, California Police Department on a charge of Minor Consuming and was fined \$30.00.

On May 10, 1971, subject was arrested by San Francisco, California Police Department on charge of Possession of Marijuana and was placed on a 60 day suspended sentence and one year probation and was required to register under the Health and Safety Code as a user of narcotics.

On January 14, 1972, he was arrested by the Lawton, Oklahoma Police Department and charged with Trespassing and Disobeying a Lawful Order; this charge was dismissed.

On September 4, 1973, OC T-11 advised subject was arrested on March 16, 1973, on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, on charge of No Driver's License and received a \$25.00 fine.

On August 13, 1973, subject was arrested by the Anadarko, Oklahoma Police Department on a charge of Assault, but the charge was dismissed on August 17, 1973.

On May 7, 1974, the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, a newspaper in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, carried a story indicating TRUDELL had been arrested (no specific date mentioned) in connection with vandalism to a downtown Sioux Falls bar; no disposition was noted.

#### I. Status of Health

There is no available information indicating subject is not in good health, although subject in the past has been convicted for possession of narcotics and might be considered a narcotics user.

#### J. Description

The following descriptive data was obtained through investigations:

Name	JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL
Aliases	JOHN F. TRUDELL, JOHN TRUDELL, JOHN TRUDEL, JOHN TRUDELL MANNING

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Race	American Indian (4/4 Sioux)
Sex	Male
Date of birth	February 15, 1946
Place of birth	Omaha, Nebraska
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slender
Height	5'7"
Weight	150 pounds
Complexion	Medium
Social Security Account Number	507-56-9115
Military Service	United States Navy Serial Number 689 63 25
FBI Number	231 789 F
Tattoos	Eagle on outer lower right arm; "Candy Man" on upper outer left arm; "Jonny Eagle" on lower outer left arm; Heart on upper outer left arm; U.S. Navy star and "Shy Guy" on back of left hand; "Tiny" on back of fingers

## II. ACTIVITIES IN AIM

On September 24, 1972, an individual who identified himself as [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically contacted the Oklahoma City FBI Office complaining that JOHN TRUDELL, along with about 80 other Indians whom he described as "militants from Milwaukee, Wisconsin", were camped on Pawnee Tribal property at Pawnee and that some of these individuals were armed. He said most of these individuals were wearing jackets with the letters "AIM" on the back.

On November 5, 1972, the Oklahoma Journal and Sunday Oklahoman, both daily newspapers in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, carried articles concerning the occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office in Washington, D.C. by 200-300 Indians. JOHN TRUDELL was among those Indians from Oklahoma participating in the takeover.

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On May 16, 1973, OC T-1 considered TRUDELL to be a leader of the AIM chapter in Oklahoma. His main job was to "keep things stirred up" among the Indian population in Oklahoma. TRUDELL is a very close and trusted friend of

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On July 10, 1973, OC T-1 said TRUDELL's major function in AIM is fund raising, primarily by making speeches. TRUDELL does not spend much of his time in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as he travels a good deal.

On July 29, 1973, OC T-2 stated that TRUDELL was in attendance at the AIM National Convention at White Oak, Oklahoma, and made several speeches, primarily dealing with the manner in which the whites had victimized the Indians, stolen their lands, taken their game rights, etc.; however, there was a continuing effort to insure the convention remained peaceful. TRUDELL was one of several Indians who appeared to be in charge of the convention site at that time.

On July 31, 1973, OC T-2 said TRUDELL, during the AIM National Convention, claimed he had furnished some of the heavy arms at Wounded Knee, however, he was not specific.

On August 20, 1973, OC T-3 claimed TRUDELL made a speech at the AIM National Convention at White Oak, Oklahoma, indicating he provided "heavy artillery" for Wounded Knee; that he did not want to be on the scene and face the possibility of arrest, and that he was content to work behind the scenes. He appeared to approve of violence, but was not specific as to action or plans.

On August 1, 1973, OC T-1 claimed TRUDELL in another speech at the convention called for prison reform concerning Indians; for Indian boycott of schools until Indian students were admitted with long hair; and Indian boycott of Safeway stores.

On August 2, 1973, OC T-2 said that "elections" were held at the National Convention on August 2, 1973, and JOHN TRUDELL was elected a National Co-ordinator.

On August 13, 1973, a disturbance involving between 200-300 individuals, mostly Indians, took place at the Caddo County, Oklahoma Fairgrounds, Anadarko, Oklahoma, the site of an American Indian exposition. The disturbance was result



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of taunting of AIM members by Indians who were not associated with AIM. Considered among the leaders of the AIM group was JOHN TRUDELL. According to Chief of Police ARTHUR RODGERS, Anadarko, Oklahoma Police Department, during the disturbance considerable pushing and shoving occurred and a female claimed TRUDELL assaulted her and subsequently filed local charges against him; however, the charges were subsequently dismissed on August 17, 1974.

On August 17, 1974, OC T-14 advised that on August 16, 1973, JOHN TRUDELL cashed a check [redacted]

[redacted] drawn on the Union Trust Bank of Washington, D.C. The check was made payable to TRUDELL and signed by [redacted].

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On August 17, 1973, Chief RODGERS, supra, advised he spoke with TRUDELL at which time TRUDELL gave the impression of wanting to be a peacemaker and gave no indication of any militancy; TRUDELL indicated he knew of no planned militant action on behalf of AIM at the exposition. TRUDELL left the Anadarko area on August 17, 1973.

On August 21, 1973, OC T-3 advised that among names and addresses of individuals which appeared to be a list of current AIM National Officers was the name JOHN TRUDELL - National Co-Chairman, 1511 South Knoxville, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone (918) 936-8444 and (202) 296-4451.

On August 28, 1973, OC T-3 claimed that TRUDELL assumed the position of AIM National Chairman due to the alleged involvement of the other AIM Co-Chairman, CARTER CAMP, in the shooting of another AIM member. TRUDELL issued a national press release from Winner, South Dakota, on August 28, 1973, claiming AIM had launched an investigation into the shooting of CLYDE BELLECOURT, National AIM Officer.

During the period between [redacted] and [redacted] 1973, OC T-3 advised that TRUDELL and other AIM leaders were meeting in [redacted] South Dakota, to plan strategy for AIM. The following issues were among those discussed at the meeting:

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1. AIM wants the [redacted] Knee Defense Fund to take a five day recess in AIM affairs ... there is reportedly a split in AIM members allegiance [redacted]

2. AIM must handle the situation between CLYDE BELLECOURT and CARTER CAMP by itself, that is, without the assistance of white (non-Indian) lawyers ... statement was made that AIM asked to deal with CARTER CAMP on its own basis, that CARTER CAMP must face an Indian court and not one made up by persons of his choice. It was indicated that if an AIM member tries to shoot another AIM member, that person then faces death ...

3. A meeting following the person referred to above was held about 1/2 hour later [redacted] This meeting was primarily for AIM members, Oklahoma Chapters... it was suggested at this meeting that a strong ethical code of behavior for AIM members be adopted and there be a five or six state boycott of alcoholic beverage purchasing and drinking for AIM members to be announced in the near future. It was also indicated AIM members must improve the spirituality of their lives and be fit in body and mind. [redacted] stated AIM will soon be in a position [redacted] indicated eventhough [redacted] [redacted] in the meantime they must be physically and spiritually fit to act in this manner in behalf of AIM.

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4. In addition to the above matters, the following discussions concerning the Creek problem was held at the Oklahoma AIM Chapters meeting. The Creek problem is believed to involve [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

and the Oklahoma AIM Chapter members hope to resolve the situation involving CARTER CAMP and CLYDE BELLECOURT so they can return to Oklahoma to resolve the situation relating to [redacted] A statement was made the situation [redacted] may become violent if not settled to AIM's satisfaction.

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5. [redacted] who was [redacted] made the statement that RUSSELL MEANS is scared. [redacted] stated MEANS knows he started the war in Pine Ridge, S. D. and then left other to fight. [redacted] stated that if RUSSELL MEANS had not made the press release stating CARTER CAMP had shot CLYDE BELLECOURT, it could have been made to look like the 'man' had done it."

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6. [ ] further stated the shootings of BELLECOURT by CARTER CAMP is giving AIM a bad name and funding of AIM may be withheld by some because of it.

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7. [ ] stated at this meeting some AIM members were taking sides for CLYDE BELLECOURT or CARTER CAMP and this should not take place because it will split AIM. [ ] further stated CLYDE BELLECOURT holds no malice for the shooting against CLYDE BELLECOURT. [ ] advised AIM may live or die over this incident and it is pathetic that alcohol was the cause of the shooting after all the work and sacrifice that AIM leaders and individual AIM members have put into making AIM reach its goal. [ ] also stated to this group they should think about selecting a new state coordinator for Oklahoma [ ]

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[ ] JOHN TRUDELL arrived [ ] and he indicated a meeting would be held at the [ ] and all should attend.

The meeting, scheduled for [ ] would not take place as RUSSELL MEANS was not available having called JOHN TRUDELL and instructing him no meeting should take place until he arrived at the [ ] During the course of the day on [ ] individual AIM members conducted numerous conversations about general matters with each other. At approximately [ ] the meeting commenced at the [ ] despite the fact that RUSSELL MEANS had not arrived. Individuals in attendance were principally the same persons who attended meetings at [ ] The principal speakers on [ ] were JOHN TRUDELL and [ ]

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The main issues discussed at the meetings were:

1. CARTER CAMP was wrong in having shot CLYDE BELLECOURT and CAMP understands he will have to face the Indian community to answer for this conduct. It was also



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stated RUSSELL MEANS was wrong in furnishing information to the press that CAMP had shot BELLECOURT.

2. It was indicated this incident should serve as an example for the younger members of AIM of the bad effect that alcohol can have on the AIM movement.

3. JOHN TRUDELL stated [redacted] must also be held responsible for his actions in regard to the shooting since he had been causing trouble and had [redacted] CARTER CAMP, who was sleeping as a result of his excessive drinking and tired condition. CARTER, [redacted] became involved in a situation wherein he shot CLYDE BELLECOURT.... the statement was made at this meeting the movement is resolved in a conspiracy to weaken or break AIM and the conspiracy involves the Government making strategic moves to give "AIM enough rope," until the AIM leaders and AIM movement "does itself in." In addition it was indicated the Government permitted CARTER CAMP to be released on bail after he pulled a gun on a gas station attendant because the Government figured that if CARTER CAMP were free to do so he would eventually fight with other AIM leaders and that is what happened when CARTER shot CLYDE.

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It was further indicated that emphasis of AIM action must be taken upon the national level and put back on the local level. JOHN TRUDELL, [redacted] [redacted] feel AIM must deal with the shooting situation between CARTER CAMP and CLYDE BELLECOURT in the Indian manner. They must get this situation resolved and all AIM members should return to their respective areas and tackle Indian problems in their local communities.

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It was indicated that JOHN TRUDELL prepared and furnished the news media a written press release concerning the shooting of CLYDE BELLECOURT. This release stated the central leadership committee of AIM having thoroughly evaluated all aspects of CLYDE BELLECOURT's shooting and determined the shooting was conspiratorial in nature, being a Government conspiracy to destroy AIM and posing a serious threat to Indian peoples in America.

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On September 4, 1973, OC T-12 advised approximately one year ago JOHN TRUDELL was employed by the Oklahoman's for Indian Opportunity (OIO) as a staff member and as a result of his militant approach to his assigned duties he was dismissed from his employment. OIO was formed seven years ago by Indian leaders and is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity in amount of approximately \$239,000 per annum. The main programs of OIO are in fields of Community Development, Economic Development, Business Development, and a youth program, all for American Indians.

On September 4, 1973, OC T-11 advised TRUDELL was in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the uprising at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and believed, but was not positive, that he was instrumental in the actual takeover of the reservation in Wounded Knee. Subject and his wife also attended the AIM National Convention at White Oak, Oklahoma, during July and August, 1973. TRUDELL had made a remark that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation since subject is married to the daughter of the Tribal Chairman of the Western Shoshone Paiute Indians on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

On September 5, 1973, OC T-5 claimed that JOHN TRUDELL could be contacted at telephone number (602) 729-2675.

On September 22, 1973, OC T-6 advised according to government laws and constitution established by AIM, JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL was given the power to act on behalf of DENNIS BANKS, the National Director of AIM, in BANKS' absence. BANKS was apparently concerned that subject might become too well known which would spoil his effectiveness and BANKS has decided to keep TRUDELL as a silent leader of AIM. BANKS was of the opinion that if he went to jail, TRUDELL would replace BANKS upon the latter's recommendation.

On September 27, 1973, OC T-6 advised a meeting was held on [REDACTED] including TRUDELL, participating. The topic of the conversation concerned [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On October 4, 1973, OC T-7 advised that VERNON BELLECOURT, at that time the Acting Director of AIM, was

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[redacted] driving a brown Toyota, bearing 1973 Oklahoma License ZZ 7841. Registration to this vehicle was determined on October 5, 1973, to be in the name of JOHN TRUDELL MANNING, 1511 South Knoxville, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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On October 9, 1973, OC T-7 advised that a letter, dated September 15, 1973, signed by subject, representing the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee, [redacted]

[redacted] The main thrust of the letter was asking the recipients of the letter to donate money to the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee, Post Office Box 147, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.

On October 22, 1973, OC T-6 advised that the AIM Central Committee, which includes subject, [redacted]

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[redacted] South Dakota. RUSSELL MEANS, a member of the AIM Central Committee, [redacted] urged support for armed takeover of the community of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, similar to the Wounded Knee action and TRUDELL supported this position, arguing that violent action was necessary. The final decision called for no violent or unlawful acts.

On October 31, 1973, the Tulsa Tribune, a daily newspaper in Tulsa, Oklahoma, carried an article entitled, "Indian Peace Summit Due", indicating TRUDELL was in Tulsa attending the convention of the National Congress of American Indians. The article said TRUDELL was in town to gather support in dealing with a "crisis" in South Dakota. TRUDELL said "AIM did not take up arms for a confrontation, but as a means of defense".

On November 1, 1973, the Tulsa Tribune, supra, carried another article indicating that TRUDELL, on behalf of the American Indian Movement, would encourage the Justice Department to sue the State of Oklahoma for millions of dollars in funds (Johnson O'Malley funds) allegedly misspent on public education. TRUDELL said, "If the courts can't get the money back, then we will take other actions", however, he was not specific.

On December 29, 1973, OC T-6 advised subject had [redacted]

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On December 29, 1973, OC T-6 advised that subject

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however, [REDACTED] TRUDELL  
left the area on December 28, 1973, when it became apparent  
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In addition, a series of AIM meetings were held at which time DENNIS BANKS resigned as the National Executive Director of AIM, effective January 6, 1974, and his position would be assumed by CLYDE BELLECOURT. BANKS would then assume the title of National Field Director and this arrangement was agreed upon by all of the prominent AIM members, including JOHN TRUDELL.

On January 28, 1974, OC T-6 advised that the following is the claimed AIM leadership:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
National Executive Director	DENNIS JAMES BANKS
National Director	CLYDE BELLECOURT
National Chairman	JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL
National Secretary	CAROL STUBBS San Francisco, California
National Treasurer	LARRY ANDERSON Fort Defiance, Arizona
National Press Secretary	GEORGE C. ROBERTS Los Angeles, California
National Security Officer	DOUGLASS DURHAM Des Moines, Iowa

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS and VERNON BELLECOURT hold no title; however, all important decisions are made by the AIM Central Committee, which is composed of BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS, CLYDE and VERNON BELLECOURT, HERBERT POWLESS of Milwaukee, JOHN TRUDELL, and DOUGLASS DURHAM.

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In addition, OC T-6 claimed TRUDELL is in contact with other National AIM leaders [redacted] and apparently has no fixed address.

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On February 9, 1974, OC T-6 claimed that subject was [redacted]

On February 21, 1974, OC T-3 advised no subsequent information had been developed concerning the whereabouts of TRUDELL, but source believed he was in the New York City area. Source was contacted [redacted] concerning TRUDELL's whereabouts, but was unable to provide information.

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On February 21, 1974, OC T-4 claimed TRUDELL participated in an Indian Seminar on February 13, 1974, at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, but could furnish no additional information concerning his whereabouts or activities.

On February 7, and 19, 1974, OC T-8 and on February 25, 1974, OC T-9 advised no information was available indicating TRUDELL was in the New York City area at that time and no information regarding any planned demonstrations to be held by AIM in New York City had been received.

On February 27, 1974, OC T-6 advised TRUDELL was to appear at a Wounded Knee anniversary celebration called "Indian Solidarity Day" held on the University of Minnesota campus, Minneapolis, the same date. Approximately 1,000 people attended the gathering and TRUDELL was a speaker.

On March 2, 1974, OC T-6 said TRUDELL left the Minneapolis area [redacted] and that he appears to be in constant travel status in connection with AIM activities.

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On March 7, 1974, OC T-6 claimed that GEORGE C. ROBERTS of Los Angeles, California, recently submitted a letter of resignation, date unknown, and there is no Press Secretary for AIM at this time. All other national officers and members of AIM Central Committee remain the same. Subject is a member of the Central Committee.



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On March 6, 1974, OC T-6 claimed TRUDELL had separated from his wife and presently has no permanent address. Mrs. TINA TRUDELL allegedly returned to her home in Owyhee, Nevada. TRUDELL continues to be in frequent travel status and AIM leaders have no way of contacting him other than when he telephones them.

On April 6, 1974, Salt Lake City, Utah Police Department advised that AIM members were picketing around the Temple Square Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) on April 6-7, 1974, and that AIM leader JOHN TRUDELL arrived in Salt Lake City on April 6, 1974, to support the demonstration. TRUDELL and AIM leader VERNON BELLECOURT claimed AIM sought one million dollars for AIM to be administered by Indians outside the LDS Church. He stated if the demonstrations failed the goal of meeting with LDS Church leaders, AIM would take the grievances to the LDS people through symposiums and public meetings. The Salt Lake City Police Department believed secret meetings were held between Indians and church leaders and some concessions would be given the Indians on April 12, 1974.

On April 23, 1974, Lieutenant [ ] Scottsdale, Arizona Police Department, advised that following the arrests of several Indians who claimed AIM affiliation, a person identifying himself as JOHN TRUDELL and claiming to be a National leader of AIM from St. Paul, Minnesota, made an inquiry about the arrests but claimed that the arrests were not a result of an AIM organized situation. TRUDELL left without further ado and did not return.

On April 23, 1974, an article appeared in the Tulsa Daily World, a daily newspaper in Tulsa, Oklahoma, indicating that as a part of Indian Heritage Week scheduled for April 24-26, 1974, at Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, a talk would be given by AIM leader JOHN TRUDELL.

On April 26, 1974, [ ] Director of Safety and Security, Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, said TRUDELL spoke at the college on that date to a crowd of 60-100 persons. [ ] who did not attend the speech, said he learned TRUDELL spoke primarily on the whitemans injustice to Indians through police terrorism, the Christian church, double standards of justice for whites and Indians, government bureaucracy, white educational system, and arguments against the BIA. He spoke for approximately one hour.

On May 11, 1974, Special Agents of the FBI were present in Farmington, New Mexico, concerning a demonstration

conducted by AIM concerning an Indian Self Determination Seminar in connection with the Farmington Inter-tribal Indian Organization. During this time several speakers were present, one of which was JOHN TRUDELL.

On May 7, 1974, the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, a daily newspaper in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the Rapid City Journal, a daily newspaper in Rapid City, South Dakota, both carried articles concerning AIM criticism of the Minnehaha County Attorney for his handling of an apparent stabbing incident in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Friday, May 3, 1974, involving a fight between an Indian and whiteman. In both articles TRUDELL was the main spokesman for AIM and claimed that the Indian involved in the fight was being unjustly treated. TRUDELL claimed the Indian had been harassed by white persons yelling racial slurs at the Indians.

On May 14, 1974, OC T-10 advised that TRUDELL is attempting to focus public attention on himself to project himself as the logical leader of the American Indian Movement in the event other National AIM leaders on trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, are convicted and are sentenced to prison. A bitter fight is predicted for control of the movement in the event its leaders are incarcerated.

On May 23, 1974, OC T-6 claimed TRUDELL is [redacted] and is driving a maroon 1972 Toyota Corona with unknown license plates. Source claimed that a National AIM Convention was scheduled at the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota, on June 8-16, 1974, with one of its items of business to be the election of new National Officers. Among those definitely eligible to vote for these officers are the various State Officers. According to [redacted] JOHN TRUDELL and a [redacted] Nevada, are the State Co-ordinators of AIM for the State of Nevada.

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On May 29, 1974, the Minneapolis Tribune, a local newspaper in Minneapolis, Minnesota, stated that during the cross-examination of a witness during the trial of AIM Leaders DENNIS BANKS and RUSSELL MEANS, an AIM member identified as JOHN TRUDELL leaped from the spectators section, jumped across two rows of seats and into the well of the courtroom up to the judge's bench shouting all the way that the trial was "illegal". He was restrained by a United States Marshal who grabbed him from behind in bearhug fashion and escorted him from the room. The presiding judge barred him from the courtroom for the duration of the trial, but did not order him arrested.

Miscellaneous

At a symposium on "Racism in America" held October 19-23, 1970, at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, JOHN TRUDELL spoke on "Racism and Political Power" representing the Alcatraz Indians. During 1971, TRUDELL represented the Indian Council at Alcatraz in negotiations with GSA, United States Department of Justice, and other Federal officials. The Indian Council was the group who took over the former penal facility on Alcatraz Island in November, 1969, and occupied it until their eviction in 1971.

On January 15, 1972, Captain [redacted] Lawton, Oklahoma Police Department, advised that TRUDELL was among several Indians arrested by his department on January 14, 1972, at the Lawton Board of Education Building concerning a demonstration by Indian High School students. TRUDELL was charged with Trespassing and Failure to Obey a Lawful Order; these charges were subsequently dismissed.

On October 11, 1972, a newspaper article appearing in the Daily O'Collegian, the campus newspaper at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, indicated a speech was given before a racial minorities class at the University by JOHN TRUDELL, a Sioux Indian and spokesman for many Indians who are fighting "oppression". TRUDELL criticized the whiteman's educational school system, claiming Indian children could not be taught honestly and he advocated separate schools for both Indians and whites. He further criticized the BIA for cheating Indians involving money, especially the mishandling of Johnson O'Malley funds (Indian Educational Act).

On October 15, 1972, a Mrs. [redacted] had complained that her children and other children had been asked to break out windows in the Concho Indian School located eight miles north of El Reno, Oklahoma. Several boys did in fact break out approximately \$195.00 worth of windows on the night of October 14, 1972. There was no indication, however, that the juveniles involved activities had resulted from any contacts they might have had with persons involved in the American Indian Movement.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29508)

FROM SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1265)(P)

SUBJECT JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, aka  
EM-AIM

DATE: 8/23/74

Re Oklahoma City report and FD-128, 7/11/74.

By referenced communications, Las Vegas has been designated Office of Origin in that he listed as a permanent address: Box 337, Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada.

[redacted] *Trudell*

[redacted] Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, advised on 7/31/74, that the subject has not returned to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation since the subject left this reservation during 8/73, to attend an AIM conference in Oklahoma. He advised that the subject's supposedly wife, MAUREEN TINA MANNING, is currently on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation and from information he has obtained on the reservation, is that the subject and MAUREEN TINA MANNING are now separated. He advised he did not know if they were or ever had been married.

[redacted] Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, advised on 7/31/74, that MAUREEN TINA MANNING is presently on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation and [redacted]

[redacted] she and the subject are separated.

[redacted] resides at the residence of her parents ARTHUR and [redacted] on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

[redacted] MAUREEN TINA MANNING comes and goes from the reservation at infrequent intervals.

- ② - Bureau  
1 - Minneapolis (Info)  
1 - Oklahoma City (157-1521)(Info)  
1 - Las Vegas  
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"LV is instructed to submit FD-128."  
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She further advised that the subject has not returned to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation since the subject and MAUREEN TINA MANNING left the reservation last summer to attend an AIM conference in Ponca, Oklahoma.

Inquiry at the U.S. Post Office, Owyhee, Nevada, indicates that P.O. Box 337 was at one time listed to JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, but this P.O. Box has been vacated by TRUDELL and is presently rented to [ ] and [ ] Indians on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

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According to rerep, in January, 1972, subject resided at 3245 East 5th Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. In January, 1974, he received mail, but did not reside at 1511 South Knoxville, Tulsa, Oklahoma. According to source, in September, 1973, subject indicated a permanent address as above at Owyhee, Nevada.

In May, 1974, upon arrest in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, subject furnished an address of 230 North Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls.

Subject is National Chairman of this AIM. In that Nevada has no significant AIM activity and from information set out above, it is requested that the Bureau designate who should be the Office of Origin in this case.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 157-29508)

DATE: 9/17/74

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1265) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, aka  
EM - AIMRe Las Vegas letter to Bureau, 8/23/74 and Bureau  
0-7 dated 9/10/74.

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security or extremist investigation by this office. The

Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division  
as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Minneapolis Division is  
being considered the new Office of Origin.Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address,  
Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.Childrens Foundation  
Washington, D. C.

Residence address

230 North Phillips Avenue  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_

## Identification Division Data

Check OR note the following applicable statements:

- ☐ A security flash on subject has been PREVIOUSLY placed in FBI # \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, copy of this form is designated for Identification Division.
- ☐ A security flash on subject has been PREVIOUSLY placed in Identification Division; however, FBI number is NOT KNOWN. The following information, therefore, is being furnished and a copy of this form is designated for Identification Division.

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Identifying Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Fingerprint Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Do NOT designate COPY of FD-128 for Identification Division if FD-165 previously RETURNED to field office because no fingerprints located on subject.

## Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual is the subject of an ADEX Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the ADEX at FBIHQ. The \_\_\_\_\_ Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ Subject is designated a Key Black Extremist.
- ☐ Subject is designated a Key Activist.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ Subject is included in the Extremist Photograph Album (EPA). The new Office of Origin should submit a new complete FD-432 showing the new address and Office of Origin of subject.
- ☐ Dissemination made Secret Service locally re above information. (Two copies of FD-366 enclosed for the Bureau)

Do not send to data processing  
no action  
9/20/74

The following pertinent items are being to \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ ADEX Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) **see attached**
- ☐ Designated Office of Origin in receipt of all pertinent serials
- ☐ 2 copies of FD-366 (1 copy for dissemination to local Secret Service)

Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☐ Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
- ☐ Negative and three copies of most recent or best photograph
- ☐ None available
- ☐ Previously furnished

②-Bureau

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2-Minneapolis (157-2417) Enc. 3

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Minneapolis in possession of Oklahoma City report  
of [REDACTED] dated 7/11/74.

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Enclosed for Minneapolis are the following serials:

- (1) One copy of St. Louis Form 17 dated 8/29/74.
- (2) Omaha FD-306 dated 7/25/74.
- (3) Omaha FD-306 dated 8/2/74.

Sources have reported no activity in the Las Vegas  
Division. No report being submitted.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29508)

DATE: 10/1/74

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-2417) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, aka  
EM - AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Las Vegas letter to Bureau, 8/23/74.

In referenced letter subject when arrested at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, May, 1974, furnished an address of 230 North Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On 9/17/74, the Las Vegas Division advised the Bureau that Minneapolis was being considered origin in this matter.

On 8/2/74, [redacted] advised that TRUDELL and American Indian Movement (AIM) National Press Secretary GEORGE ROBERTS, Los Angeles, California, were [redacted] the purpose of which is unknown to most members of the National Office.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Check passport records, Passport Division, Department of State, for any information regarding subject and GEORGE ROBERTS. Report only recent information, if any, on ROBERTS.

2-Bureau (RM)  
2-WFO (RM)  
1-Los Angeles (INFO) (RM)  
3-Minneapolis  
(1-157-3481, AIM Foreign Influence and Travel)  
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MINNEAPOLIS

AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Confirm residence for subject at 230 North  
Phillips Avenue.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29508)

DATE: 11/19/74

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-6372) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHANGED  
JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, aka  
John Francis Brown  
EM-AIM  
(OO:MP)

Title is changed to include the name JOHN FRANCIS BROWN, as suggested by subject's passport file.

ReMplet to Bureau 10/1/74.

Files of Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SC [redacted] on 11/6/74, disclosed Passport Number E 1371426 was issued to JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL on 7/18/74, at Los Angeles, California, for proposed vacation travel for two weeks to England and France. On his application dated 7/18/74, at Los Angeles, subject stated his intention to depart and return by air, giving 7/24/74, as his approximate date of departure. He did not indicate whether he expected to take another trip abroad within five years and said he had not taken previous trips abroad within the last twelve months. This passport expires 7/17/79, and is valid for travel to all countries except Cuba, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

It is pointed out that, under current passport regulations, a passport may be used by the bearer for lawful travel within the period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further notification to the Department of State or other government agency. The Passport Office does not receive information as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

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- 2- Bureau
  - 1- Denver (Info)
  - 1- Las Vegas (157-1265) (Info)
  - 1- Los Angeles (Info)
  - 3- Minneapolis (157-2417) (Enc. 1)  
(1 - 157-3481, SIM Foreign Influence and Travel)
  - 1- Oklahoma City (157-1521)
  - 1- WFO

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Subject stated he was born 2/15/46, at Omaha, Nebraska, and his file shows his birth certificate in the name JOHN FRANCIS BROWN was seen by passport authorities. File contains Affidavit dated 7/15/74, signed by [redacted] and [redacted] who gave their address as [redacted] California. This Affidavit reads:

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"We, the undersigned, knew JOHN FRANCIS BROWN when he was born in Omaha, Nebraska 15 February, 1946, to RICARDA BROWN, [redacted]

[redacted] We also knew JOHN FRANCIS BROWN when he was subsequently adopted by CLIFFORD ~~TRUDELL~~ in U.S.A. 1946. Furthermore we also knew that JOHN FRANCIS BROWN was subsequently and thereafter known as JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL."

Subject gave his permanent residence as Box 117, Owyhee, Nevada 89832, and requested his passport be mailed in care of Inca, Incorporated, 1500 Pacific Avenue, Venice, California. He gave his home telephone number as (702) 757-3278 and his business number as (213) 392-5761. A notation on subject's application shows his passport was mailed to his home address 9/5/74.

Subject did not identify his father on his passport application. He listed his mother as RICARDA BROWN (deceased), born at Ingles, Kansas, in 1927, a U.S. citizen. He said he was last married 12/5/71, to MARUREEN T. ~~MANNING~~ TRUDELL who was born at Owyhee, Nevada, on 1/18/50, a citizen of the U.S., marriage not terminated, and requested she be notified in the event of accident or death at Box 117, Owyhee, Nevada 89832.

Subject was described as 5'7", brown hair, brown eyes, and tattoo on left hand. His occupation was shown as writer and his Social Security Number as 507-56-9115. Identifying document(s) submitted shown as:

"USNR IO (Non-PO) 689-63-25 <sup>MCS</sup> (JOHN FRANCIS ~~TRUDELL~~)  
Card 1817602 iss 6-2-67  
Sel Serv 4-129-46-422 iss. 6-29-67 (JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL)"

Photograph of JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, from passport file is enclosed for Minneapolis.

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A search was caused to be made of the current files of the Passport Office, and SC [ ] was advised on 11/6/74, no identifiable record could be located regarding [ ] on the basis of information furnished. It is to be noted checks are not made of the retired files of the Passport Office unless a date and/or place of birth is known.

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If any of the foregoing information, including photograph, is disseminated outside the Bureau, the source must be changed to "United States Government" records. The actual source must then be shown on the administrative page as the Passport Office, Department of State.

WFO indices contain no identifiable information regarding subject.

For the information of Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Oklahoma City, copy of this letter is being sent because of changed title.

FBI

Date: 3/18/75

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29508)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-2417) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
EM - AIM  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS *John Francis Brown*

Re Bureau 0-1, dated 3/6/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of above captioned and dated LHM. Enclosed for Los Angeles and San Francisco are two copies each of above captioned and dated LHM for lead purposes. Enclosed for Las Vegas are two copies of above LHM for information.

Minneapolis does not plan on making local dissemination.

The FBI employee that reviewed subject's military records was Special Clerk [redacted]

The identity of MP T-1 is [redacted] and MP T-2 is [redacted]

The identity of the FBI employee who examined subject's files at United States Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., was Special Clerk [redacted]

Minneapolis has no characterization for [redacted] or [redacted]

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JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL

This investigation is based on information which indicates John Francis Trudell is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) or 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), as indicated hereafter. John Francis Trudell has been identified as being actively involved in militant activities of the American Indian Movement (AIM). Since January 1973, AIM has been actively involved in demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City and Custer areas of South Dakota. From February 27 through May 8, 1973, AIM leaders and members and their supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms taking a number of the community's residents as hostages. Before surrendering to Federal authorities, they engaged in numerous violent and destructive acts and gunfire was exchanged with Federal authorities resulting in the death of two of the insurgents.

A characterization of the AIM and Wounded Knee are set forth in an appendix page attached hereto.

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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On October 7, 1974, John Francis Trudell's military service records were reviewed at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), St. Louis, Missouri, and in summary, revealed the following information:

Trudell served in the United States Navy from August 9, 1963, until June 2, 1967. His military service number was 689 63 25 and he attained a rank and commensurate pay grade of E-2. During his tour of duty, he served on a USS Isle Royale (AD-29) and the USS Brinkley Bass (DD887). His records reflect that he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal, for service during the Vietnam conflict. The records further reflect that he received an honorable discharge, although no discharge certificate was issued at the time of separation. The records further reflect that Trudell was mailed his General Discharge Certificate, discharging him from the Naval Reserve on February 10, 1970, while residing at 690 West 8th Street, San Bernardino, California.

A review of personal data contained in above records revealed the following about Trudell:

Trudell's date of birth is listed as February 15, 1946, he completed the 10th grade in school, had an AFQT score of 058, enlisted in the Navy at Omaha, Nebraska, listed his religion as Roman Catholic, Social Security Number 507-56-9115, listed his home address as Kennard, Washington County, Nebraska, and is 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, weighs 130 pounds, race American Indian, brown hair, brown eyes, and ruddy complexion. The records reflected numerous tattoos on both arms and hands. At the time of his enlistment, the records reflected that he was not married and had no dependents. The records listed Ricarda (Elmanza) Brown, deceased, as his mother, Clifford Joseph Trudell, Kennard, Nebraska, as his stepfather and Cecil Louise Smith Trudell, Kennard, Nebraska, as his stepmother. These records indicate that Trudell attended Center High School, Center, Nebraska, from 1961-1963, Blair High School, Blair, Nebraska, from 1960-1961, and Kennard Public School, Kennard, Nebraska, from 1958-1960. Trudell, according to the records, was employed by Marshall Nurseries, Arlinton, Nebraska, from April 1963, to May 1963, leaving to enlist in the Navy.

A review of his performance record while serving in the Navy revealed that he had an overall "trait average"

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was 3.03 based on a 4.0 rating system, with a military behavior rating of 2.83. The record revealed that he was judged to be a "fair to good" sailor.

A review of Trudell's disciplinary records revealed the following:

On April 6, 1965, he received commanding officer's Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP) for unauthorized absence and failure to obey a lawful order. He was found guilty and awarded 30 days correctional custody and forfeiture of half pay for one month.

On January 27, 1965, he was awarded a Summary courts martial for unauthorized absence and for missing the movement of his ship. He was found guilty and was confined at hard labor for 30 days and reduced in rank to pay grade E-1. This record revealed that Trudell executed the 30 days confinement at hard labor and was not reduced in rank by the reviewing authority.

On September 30, 1964, Trudell was awarded a Summary courts martial for unauthorized absence, was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days hard labor without confinement.

On March 2, 1964, he was awarded a Special courts martial for unauthorized absence, was found guilty and was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for a period of three months to forfeit \$50 pay per month for period of three months and to be reduced to pay grade E-1. The records reflect that Trudell served two months of above confinement, forfeited \$50 pay per month for two months and was reduced to pay grade E-1.

On October 4, 1974, MP T-1, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Trudell was not considered leadership material for the American Indian Movement (AIM). Source advised that he has good rhetorical delivery and is considered to be an agitator. Source advised that in the past Trudell has openly and actively supported several minority activist movements and travels extensively. Source advised that Trudell has resided at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source advised that Trudell's immediate family ties are in Nevada.

On October 21, 1974, captioned article, "Damn Others Philosophy Hit," which appeared in the Lincoln, Nebraska, Star newspaper, a published daily of general circulation, advised that John Trudell, "The National Chairman of the AIM,"

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stated in Lincoln, Nebraska, that the philosophy of "damn everybody else, just so I can get what I want," is the type of thinking that has "created the Richard Nixons, the Spiro Agnews and the Dick Wilsons" of the country. The article advised that Wilson is the Tribal Chairman on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The article further advised that Trudell said that this philosophy also lay behind the efforts to "suppress" the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and the trials resulting from the incident. The article further advised that Trudell said the Government uses the law like you use bullets in that the "government is using it to destroy us." The article advised that Trudell spoke about Indian treaty rights, the desire of Indians to live as free people and about treaty law. Trudell, according to the article, proposed that all Indian treaties should be honored by giving alternate lands to the tribes if the land in the treaty settlement is already developed. Trudell, in the article, stated that the Indians wanted the land because it will always be there, while money, the usual compensation, is transient. The article advised that Trudell, a Santee Sioux, called for an end to all Wounded Knee related trials saying, "There is no such thing as a fair trial." The article further advised that Trudell stated the Government is "dragging us" through the court system, "so that American consciousness can pretend at humanity." The article stated that Trudell, in closing his remarks stated Americans should begin thinking about government, because it is "the one instrument" which can bring people together or keep them at odds."

On November 12, 1974, MP T-2, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information had been received indicating that Trudell had, during that month, acted as a spokesman for New York State Indians who occupied land located at Eagle Bay, New York. Source advised that Trudell was [REDACTED]

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On November 6, 1974, a review of United States Government records revealed that United States Passport Number E1371426 was issued to John Francis Trudell on July 18, 1974, at Los Angeles, California, for proposed vacation travel for two weeks to England and France. This passport expires July 17, 1979, and is valid for travel to all countries except Cuba, North Korea and North Vietnam. Trudell, on his application, stated his intention to depart and return by air giving July 24, 1974, as his approximate date of departure.



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These records further revealed that Trudell listed his date of birth as February 15, 1946, at Omaha, Nebraska, and reflected that his birth certificate in the name of John Francis Brown was inspected by Government authorities. Trudell's file contained an affidavit dated July 15, 1974, signed by [redacted] and [redacted] who gave their address as [redacted] California. This affidavit reads:

"We, the undersigned, knew John Francis Brown when he was born in Omaha, Nebraska 15 February, 1946, to Ricarda Brown, the sister of [redacted]. We also knew John Francis Brown when he was subsequently adopted by [redacted] in 1946. Furthermore we also knew that John Francis Brown was subsequently and thereafter known as John Francis Trudell."

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Trudell recorded his permanent address as Box 117, Owyhee, Nevada, 89832, and requested his passport be mailed in care of Inca, Incorporated, 1500 Pacific Avenue, Venice, California. He gave his home telephone number as 702-757-3278 and his business telephone number as 213-392-5761. Notification on Trudell's application shows his passport was mailed to his home address on September 5, 1974.

Trudell did not identify his father on his passport application but listed his mother as Ricarda Brown, deceased, born at Ingles, Kansas, in 1927 and that he was last married on December 5, 1971, to Marureen T. Manning, who was born at Owyhee, Nevada, on January 18, 1950. Trudell requested that she be notified in the event of accident or death, at Box 117, Owyhee, Nevada.

Trudell was described as 5'7", brown hair, brown eyes and tattoo on his left hand. Trudell shows his occupation as writer with a Social Security Number of 507-56-9115.

On December 18, 1974, MP T-1 advised that Trudell, [redacted] wife, "Tina," in Owyhee, Nevada, telephone number 702-757-3278. Source also advised that Trudell has [redacted]

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Source continuing advised that Trudell is a capable orator and is considered [redacted]

On December 31, 1974, source MP T-1 advised that Trudell has been involved in the area of Indian conflict/demonstrations longer than any other American Indian Movement member.

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He is intelligent and extremely eloquent when he speaks. Source advised that Trudell has the ability to meet with a group of "Pacifists" and in a short time have them yelling and screaming "right on."

Source advised that he had learned that Trudell has expressed openly to National AIM leaders his desire to kidnap someone. Source advised that he had learned that the purpose of this kidnaping would be to trade the victim for something, such as dropping all charges against AIM personnel connected with state and federal violations stemming from the 1973 AIM conflicts in South Dakota, and for recognition by the United States Government of Indian tribes as sovereign nations. Source advised, however, that although Trudell talks freely about such things, he doubts that Trudell himself would become actively involved in the execution of such a plot. Source advised that Trudell is extremely unpredictable as to where he will turn up next and is very secretive concerning his movements even among close AIM associates. The source advised that Trudell and AIM National Press Secretary, George Roberts, Los Angeles, California, are fairly close associates. Source advised he had learned that Trudell did not travel to Europe as planned.

On February 26, 1975, the Albuquerque Division of the FBI reported that Trudell was a participant in the February 24, 1975, takeover of the plant owned by the Navajo Indian Tribe and operated by the Fairchild Corporation, Shiprock, New Mexico, by the AIM leaders of "Navajo Warrior Society." This takeover involved approximately 30 armed Indians demanding compensation for laid off Indian workers, reinstatement of two nurses fired by the United States Public Health Service Hospital, better working conditions at plants employing Navajos in the Shiprock area and complete amnesty for the occupiers.

It is noted that this occupation came to an end within two weeks from pressure exerted on the occupiers by leaders of the Navajo Indian Tribe.



## APPENDIX

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### AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Clyde Bellecourt, Dennis Banks and George Mitchell, Chippewa Indians, as a civil rights organization. Its stated goals are to secure Indian self-determination and the right to be and think Indian; to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white-oriented education and the Federal Government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

All AIM chapters, leaders and members are not considered to be violence-prone. Members of AIM, however, led by violence-prone leaders, participated in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building, Washington, D. C., during November, 1972, and participated in confrontations with local authorities, resulting in violence at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. From 2/27/73, through 5/8/73, these leaders with AIM members and supporters occupied Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms. Since that time AIM leaders, members and supporters have been involved in numerous confrontations with local and Federal authorities, including the shooting and killing of a deputy sheriff in Arizona, and the severe beating of two police officers in South Dakota. A county court house, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was extensively damaged during a disturbance at the Wounded Knee nonleadership trials.

From 1/1/75 through 2/3/75, a group of Indians led by a Wisconsin AIM leader took over the Alexian Brothers Novitiate, Gresham, Wisconsin. Subsequent court appearances by those involved in the takeover have resulted in disturbances and violence with minor injuries to numerous individuals including police officers.

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# AIM Leader Battles for Indian Rights



**JOHN TRUDELL**  
... like the old renegades

By **TOMAS J. LEWIS**  
The Idaho Statesman

OWYHEE, Nev. — He is a Sioux Indian and his hair flows in the wind, just as that of his ancestors did years ago. And like his ancestors, he is fighting for a cause.

His name is John Trudell, the 29-year-old national chairman of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

"We're like the extension of the old renegade Indian membership," Trudell said about AIM, the group labeled by some as the most radical Indian organization.

Trudell was interviewed in his modest country home on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, near the Idaho-Nevada border.

"AIM is maturing a little bit," he said. "We're coming to the point now where we have a fluid membership."

Trudell served as national spokesman for AIM when the group occupied the Island of Alcatraz on Nov. 21, 1969. He was chief of security during the AIM sponsored takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Washington, D.C., in November of 1972.

Despite some disagreement among tribal leaders where Trudell resides, the AIM chairman said 70 per cent of the Indian people relate to AIM philosophy — but he admitted they may not relate to AIM's tactics.

He said were it not for community support, Indians would have closed the door on AIM a long time ago.

"We've caught hell from everybody and we've survived," Trudell said. "If the community itself did not like us, they'd shut the door."

Trudell and his wife, Tina, live with their child, Ricarda, 2, in a white clapboard home three miles south of downtown Owyhee, the citadel of the reservation.

Trudell sat in a room so small it could contain only two single sized mattresses in a corner, a couple of coffee tables and nothing more. He sat comfortably and chain-smoked as he answered questions between puffs.

Will politics of confrontation continue to be an AIM policy?

"The real question and issue is what about the system that uses the illegal tactics when it comes to its not dealing with issues like alcoholism and other problems," he said. "Those are the tactics that we're concerned with."

"We will not change our philosophy, and tactics are meaningless because you have to be realistic if someone comes after you," he said. "If my chances of ending up in an institution are good ... then why not stand up and fight?"

Trudell is a high school drop-out who later attended a two-year college without graduating.

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He said he was a drunk before the age of 21.

Trudell said Indians of Duck Valley had the highest suicide rate in the country back in 1970. He blames the high suicide rate and alcoholism in the Indian community on oppression from the white man.

"Indians who are alcoholics commit emotional suicide," he said. "Their spirit has died so there's no constructive way for them to use the body."

Alcohol is the heroin of the reservation, he said.

"We don't hate white people, we'll never fight a man because he's white, we'll fight him because he's the enemy," Trudell said. "We want them to accept the truth of what the American system has done to the nonwhite people."

"I don't think the real enemy in this country is the average run-of-the-mill white man," he said. "The enemy is the value system."

Trudell said AIM's struggle, however, begins at the race level first be-

cause "the white system has imposed their culture on us and that makes it race."

Trudell added, "AIM, as far as I'm concerned, has been the most productive Indian organization of this century."

Trudell said he frowns on the use of the word militant when describing AIM, yet he feels the Indian community has gone through a radical change because the establishment has not been able to "buy off" AIM.

"What made us such a threat to the system is the fact that they couldn't buy us off," he said.

"How can we be militant if we didn't invent the gun?" he asked. "The white man does not object to an Indian, Chicano or black getting his head beat in, but yet he's non-violent. It just doesn't make sense."

Trudell said he has been arrested once a year over the past four years for his involvement with AIM. But he feels his days of going to jail are over, or at least the chance is very slight now.

"If they arrest me on anything, they're going to have to work like hell to do it," he said. "I'm not going to let the pigs get me on anything emotional, that's why I say if they arrest me they're going to have to work for it."

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JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH  
DEADLY WEAPON, EXTREMIST MATTER - AIM. 00: LAS VEGAS.

SUBJECT KNOWN NATIONAL MEMBER OF AIM ENTERED OWYHEE TRADING  
POST, DUCK VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION, OWYHEE, NEV., APPROXIMATELY  
5:55 PM TODAY AND WITH .32 CAL. AUTOMATIC PISTOL HELD UP OPERATOR  
OF TRADING POST, [REDACTED] A NON-INDIAN AND FIRED SHOT INSIDE  
TRADING POST. NO ONE INJURED. SUBJECT FLED TRADING POST IN HIS CAR  
AND WENT TO HIS RESIDENCE, WHICH IS NEAR RESIDENCE OF ARTHUR MANNING,  
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN, WESTERN SHOSHONE PIAUTE TRIBE, DUCK VALLEY INDIAN  
RESERVATION. SUBJECT COMMON LAW HUSBAND OF MAUREEN MANNING, DAU-  
GHTER OF ARTHUR MANNING.

BIA AND LOCAL TRIBAL OFFICERS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT SUBJECT  
AND CAUS SURRENDER. RESIDENCE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED.

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AS LAS VEGAS HAS ADVISED, TRUDELL LEFT THE OWYHEE INDIAN RESERVATION IN AUGUST, 1974, AND HAS BEEN ATTENDING VARIOUS AIM FUNCTIONS SINCE THAT TIME. HE, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES, HAD NOT RETURNED TO THE RESERVATION AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN THERE AT HIS TIME FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS.

IT WOULD APPEAR THE INCIDENT WAS STAGED AND MERELY AN EFFORT ON THE PART OF TRUDELL TO GAIN SOME SORT OF NATIONAL PUBLICITY FOR AIM AND TO EMBARRASS POLICE. IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME HOW THE UPI REPRESENTATIVE IN CARSON CITY WAS MADE AWARE OF THE INCIDENT SO QUICKLY BUT THE SPEED WITH WHICH HE ATTEMPTED TO GET AHOLD OF THE BIA OFFICER EN ROUTE TO OWYHEE LENDS CREDENCE TO THE THEORY THAT THIS WAS A "STAGED INCIDENT".

THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO CONSIDER FURNISHING THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT TO OTHER OFFICES HAVING AIM CHAPTERS ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS. PRESS CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY LAS VEGAS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, MOST OF WHICH HAVE HAD MISLEADING AND FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT WHICH THEY INQUIRE.

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THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AT THE OWYHEE RESERVATION HAVE ADVISED  
THEY INTEND TO EXCOMMUNICATE TRUDELL FROM THE RESERVATION INAS-  
MUCH AS THEY DO NOT AGREE WITH HIS ACTIONS.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER, TRUDELL  
ENTERED OWYHEE TRADING POST APPROXIMATELY 5:50 P.M. MDST.  
APPARENTLY SHOPPING. HE ADVISED THE OWNER, [REDACTED]  
HE WANTED TO PURCHASE A STRAW HAT. AFTER HE HAD FOUND ONE AND  
AS [REDACTED] WAS ABOUT TO RING UP THE SALE, TRUDELL PULLED A .32  
CALIBER REVOLVER ON [REDACTED] AND DEMANDED ALL OF HIS CREDIT RECEIPTS.  
TRUDELL TOLD [REDACTED] HE WOULD HAVE TO DROP THE PRICES IN HIS STORE  
WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES, TOOK A HANDFUL OF  
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REMYTEL, JULY 18, 1975.

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DUCK VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION, OWYHEE, NEVADA, ADVISED TODAY THAT  
SUBJECT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO DISCUSS INCIDENT ON JULY 17, 1975,  
WITH TRIBAL COUNCIL AND [REDACTED] OPERATOR OF OWYHEE  
TRADING POST, HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH TRIBAL COUNCIL AND TRUDELL.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR MEETING WITH NEW TRIBAL  
CHAIRMAN [REDACTED] UNKNOWN TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH  
AIM BUT KNOWN ALCOHOLIC AND HAS BEEN SOURCE OF TROUBLE TO TRIBAL  
OFFICERS.

LAS VEGAS OF OPINION THAT MEETING BEING HELD FOR STRICTLY  
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AS TRUDELL LEFT THE TRADING POST, TWO CHILDREN WERE ENTERING THE STORE AND HE POINTED THE GUN IN THEIR GENERAL DIRECTION. HE GOT INTO A PICKUP BEARING OREGON LICENSE AGU 705 AND WENT TO HIS RESIDENCE. [REDACTED] REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO THE POLICE AND THE TRUDELL HOUSE WAS SURROUNDED. WHEN TRUDELL CAME OUT OF HIS RESIDENCE, HE HAD A .30 CALIBER CARBINE AND WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST BY BIA AND INDIAN POLICE AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 P., JULY 17, 1975, ADVISED OF HIS RIGHTS AND TAKEN TO THE POLICE STATION AT OWYHEE. HE WAS REMOVED TO THE ELKO COUNTY JAIL, ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 A.M., JULY 18, 1975.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT [REDACTED] STATIONED IN [REDACTED] RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE INCIDENT AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M. PDST. HE DEPARTED [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 5:10 P.M. FOR OWYHEE, WHICH IS [REDACTED] WHEN HE WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF THE DISTANCE TO OWYHEE, HE RECEIVED A CALL ON HIS RADIO TELLING HIM THAT A UPI REPRESENTATIVE WANTED HIM TO CALL A NUMBER IN CARSON CITY CONCERNING THE INCIDENT AT OWYHEE.

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5:33 PM NITEL 7-23-75 KAW

TO: DIRECTOR

SAC, RAPID CITY

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (70-719)

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL; CIR - ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON; EM -  
AIM, OO: LAS VEGAS

REMYTEL, JULY 22, 1975.

AT MEETING OF TRIBAL COUNCIL, DUCK VALLEY, INDIAN RESERVATION  
OWHYEE, NEVADA, ON JULY 22, 1975, SUBJECT WANTED AUDIT  
DONE ON BOOKS OF OWHYEE TRADING POST AND OTHER PRIVATE BUSINESSES  
ON RESERVATION. TRIBAL COUNCIL ADVISED SUBJECT TRIBE DID NOT  
HAVE MONEY OR PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT AUDIT AT THIS TIME AND  
REQUEST DENIED.

DURING INCIDENT CONCERNING TRUDELL ON DUCK VALLEY INDIAN  
RESERVATION, [REDACTED] RECEIVED PREVIOUS INQUIRY  
FROM SEVERAL PERSONS AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED]  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. [REDACTED] WANTED TO KNOW WHY INDIANS  
WERE STARVING ON RESERVATION, WHY BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
DID NOT PROVIDE FOR THEM OR WOULD NOT GIVE THEM CREDIT. 1975

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IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT AN AUSA IN RENO AND SRA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CARSON CITY, WERE CALLED BY THE UPI REPRESENTATIVE CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SA ERIC L. MEALE, ASSIGNED TO THE ELKO RESIDENT AGENCY, DID NOT RETURN TO ELKO FROM ANOTHER PART OF HIS TERRITORY UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M., JULY 17, 1975, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS ADVISED OF THE INCIDENT.

TRUDELL HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS AIM CHAPTERS AS WELL AS ATTORNEYS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

AT TRUDELL'S ARRAIGNMENT ON JULY 18, 1975, THE MINISTER OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ELKO WAS THERE AT THE REQUEST OF A MINISTER FROM OWYHEE TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS NO POLICE BRUTALITY.

*Calif*  
[REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO GOVERNOR MIKE O'CALLAGHAN, ADVISED TODAY HE WAS CALLED AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 A.M., JULY 18, 1975, BY ONE GEORGE ROBERTS, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., 213-559-6760. ROBERTS SAID HE WAS CALLING ON BEHALF OF JOHN TRUDELL WHO WAS ARRESTED AT THE OWYHEE INDIAN RESERVATION YESTERDAY. ROBERTS SAID HE WAS CALLING SINCE HE, ROBERTS, WAS CONCERNED THAT TRUDELL MIGHT BE CHANGED FROM ONE FEDERAL LEVEL OF JURISDICTION TO

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MR. [ ] DIRECTOR OF WESTERN NATIONAL AIM, *Calif.*  
PHONE NO. [ ] ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY TRUDELL  
WAS ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES AND WHY HE WAS BEING ILLEGALLY  
HELD. [ ] INFORMED [ ] THAT AIM WAS GOING TO CONDUCT  
MAJOR INVESTIGATION OF TRADING POST. HE INFORMED [ ] THAT  
THEY WOULD CLOSE TRADING POSTS THAT WERE OVER-CHARGING INDIAN  
PEOPLE. [ ] WANTED TO KNOW WHY TWO OLD INDIAN PEOPLE WERE  
REFUSED FOOD ON RESERVATION.

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BOTH [ ] AND [ ] APPEARED TO HAVE RECEIVED  
INFORMATION FROM SOURCES WHICH WERE FAVORABLE TO SUBJECT  
AND AIM.

COMPLETE LIST OF NOTES MADE BY [ ] BEING SET FORTH ON  
ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES OF REPORT BEING PREPARED AT LAS VEGAS  
CONCERNING SUBJECT.

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2:05PM URGENT JULY 18, 1975 MHE

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM LAS VEGAS (70-719) (P)

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT  
WITH DEADLY WEAPON; EXTREMIST MATTER - AIM. OO: LAS VEGAS.  
REMYTEL, JULY 17, 1975.

AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED TODAY BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE,  
ELKO, NEVADA, CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION TITLE 18,  
SECTION 113 (C), SECTION 1152, USC.

SUBJECT TO BE ARRAIGNED 2:30 PM PDT, ELKO, NEVADA. BOND  
RECOMMENDED \$10,000.

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TO DIRECTOR

LAS VEGAS (70-719)

PORTLAND

RAPID CITY (70-10239)

FROM LOS ANGELES (157-10102)

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;

EM - AIM, OO: LAS VEGAS.

RE LAS VEGAS TEL JULY 18, 1975.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SET FORTH CONCERNING GEORGE  
CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS AS REQUESTED BY LAS VEGAS DIVISION:

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS IS SUBJECT OF LOS ANGELES  
FILE 157-8939 CAPTIONED "GEORGE CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS, EM -  
AIA" AND 86-198 CAPTIONED "GEORGE CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS,  
SBA - FLIA". ROBERTS IS THE FORMER NATIONAL PRESS SECRETARY  
FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) AND WAS INVOLVED  
LOCALLY WITH AIM. . ROBERTS HAS ALSO SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES  
AND PROVIDED FUNDS TO THE COMMITTEE TO FREE LOS TRES (CFLT),  
A MEXICAN AMERICAN MILITANT GROUP IN LOS ANGELES, FOLLOWING

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THE KIDNAPPING OF PATRICIA HEARST, ROBERTS WAS INVOLVED WITH THE CFLT IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE REGARDING THE SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY (SLA) AND HEARST. INFO RECEIVED FROM SOURCES REFLECTED ROBERTS MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE SLA EITHER THROUGH HIS AIM OR CFLT CONTACTS. ROBERTS IS SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT WITH INDIAN AND MEXICAN-AMERICAN GROUPS IN FULLFILLMENT OF EMPLOYMENT WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE SUSPICIOUS.

IN 1973, ROBERTS POSTED \$150,000 BOND FOR "LOS TRES" THREE MEXICAN-AMERICAN ACTIVISTS CONVICTED OF ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER. BOND WAS IN THE FORM OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ROBERTS. ROBERTS SUBSEQUENTLY PLEDGED SAME PROPERTY AS COLLATERAL ON SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) LOAN OF \$100,000 AND IS ALSO UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR SBA VIOLATION.

ROBERTS RESIDES AT 17 AVENUE 23, VENICE, CALIFORNIA, AND OWNS INCA ONE CORPORATION, 9014 LINDBLADE, CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA. THE LATTER ADDRESS, IN NOVEMBER 1974, WAS THE LOCATION OF THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE FOR AIM.

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DURING RECENT MONTHS, [REDACTED] INTEREST IN AIM AND  
CFLT ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY MEMBERS OF THESE  
ORGANIZATIONS AND HIS CONTACTS WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS  
HAVE BEEN LIMITED. [REDACTED] PERIODICALLY TRAVELS OUT OF  
THE COUNTRY, EXACT LOCATIONS UNKNOWN, AND ON JUNE 23,  
1975, WAS REPORTED BY SEATTLE AS RETURNED TO THE UNITED  
STATES THROUGH VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.

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07:04 PM URGENT 8-4-75 BDW

TO DIRECTOR

LAS VEGAS (70-719)

RAPID CITY

FROM LOS ANGELES (157-10102) (P)

ATTN: GID; INTD

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL; CIR-ADW; EM-AIM; 00# LAS VEGAS

RE LAS VEGAS URGENT TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 1, 1975.

FOR INFORMATION LAS VEGAS, "RUNA SIMI" IS DESCRIBED AS  
AN INTERNATIONAL NEWS LETTER REGARDING INCIDENTS INVOLVING  
INDIANS AND LATINS. [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED

BY LOS ANGELES, IS PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS DESCRIBED

"RUNA SIMI" AS MEANING "THE PEOPLE TALKING" IN THE LANGUAGE  
OF THE INCA PEOPLE.

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3:45 PM URGENT AUGUST 1, 1975 WRJ

TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES (157-10102)

RAPID CITY

FROM LAS VEGAS (70-719) (P)

ATTENTION: GID AND INTD.

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL. CIR-ADW; EM-AIM. 00: LAS VEGAS.

RE LAS VEGAS REPORT AUGUST 1, 1975, IN CAPTIONED MATTER AND  
PREVIOUS LAS VEGAS TELETYPES.

THIS DATE, THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR MIKE O'CALLAGHAN, CARSON  
CITY, NEV., MADE AVAILABLE A LETTER FROM [REDACTED] RUNA  
SIMI, 9014 LINDBLADE AVENUE, CULVER CITY, CALIF., DATED JULY 30,  
1975, TO SENATOR FRANK CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D.C. REFERENCE ON  
LETTER IS "FBI MISCONDUCT". LETTER IN PART STATES ON JULY 17,  
1975, JOHN TRUDELL, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT, WAS ARRESTED BY FEDERAL AGENTS ON THE DUCK VALLEY  
INDIAN RESERVATION ON THE IDAHO-NEVADA BORDER. LETTER CONTINUES  
THAT WITHIN A FEW HOURS OF HIS ARREST THE NEVADA FBI OFFICE AND  
CHIEF AGENT [REDACTED] ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT THAT MR.

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TRUDELL WAS INTOXICATED AND HAD ATTEMPTED TO ROB THE TRADING POST. THESE STATEMENTS WHICH DEPICTED MR. TRUDELL AS A DRUNK CRIMINAL WERE CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT THE NATION ON UPI WHERE CONSIDERABLE DEROGATORY PRESS COVERAGE WAS NOTED.

[ ] STATES THAT WHAT HAS COME TO LIGHT BY THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN THE MANIPULATION OF THE MEDIA BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

[ ] STATES SUCH ACTS ARE IN VIOLATION OF MR. TRUDELL'S CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF DUE PROCESS UNDER THE LAW. IN ADDITION, IT RAISES THE SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS TO THE LIMITS OF BEHAVIOR OF THIS GOVERNMENT AGENCY UTILIZING THE NATIONAL MEDIA TO DISSEMINATE MISINFORMATION TO DISCREDIT AND DEFAME POLITICAL DISSIDENTS. [ ] CONTINUES, BASED ON THE FOREGOING OBSERVATIONS IT IS REQUESTED YOU PROPOSE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION TO RESTRICT THE FBI OR ANY OTHER AGENCY FROM PARTICIPATING IN SUCH ACTS.

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A COPY OF THE LETTER IS NOTED FOR SENATE AND HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES.

LOS ANGELES TELETYPE JULY 23, 1975, IN CAPTIONED MATTER IDENTIFIED AND CHARACTERIZED [ ] AS [ ]

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[ ] AND WAS INVOLVED IN [ ] WITH AIM.

THE ATTENTION OF THE BUREAU IS DIRECTED TO LAS VEGAS TELETYPE



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JULY 18, 1975, WHICH SETS FORTH SUMMARY OF FACTS SURROUNDING THE VIOLATION IN THIS MATTER AS WELL AS THE INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUCK VALLEY RESERVATION RECEIVED A CALL FROM A UPI REPRESENTATIVE IN CARSON CITY, NEV., REQUESTING THAT [REDACTED] CALL HIM CONCERNING THE INCIDENT ON THE DUCK VALLEY RESERVATION INVOLVING TRUDELL. IT IS APPARENT INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO UPI BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS IN THE HOPES OF ATTRACTING NATIONAL PUBLICITY.

FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF TRUDELL BY BIA AND TRIBAL INDIAN POLICE, THIS OFFICE DID NOT ISSUE ANY PRESS RELEASE WHATSOEVER. PRESS INQUIRIES WERE ANSWERED AND THE ONLY INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE PRESS WAS THE FACT THAT TRUDELL HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY BIA AND INDIAN POLICE AND THAT THE FBI HAD FILED AN AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT CHARGING TRUDELL WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 113(C) AND SECTION 1152, U.S. CODE, AS WELL AS THE INFORMATION THAT HE WAS ARRAIGNED BEFORE A U.S. MAGISTRATE IN ELKO, NEV.

IN ADDITION TO THIS LETTER, [REDACTED] HAS ALSO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED GOVERNOR O'CALLAGHAN'S OFFICE STATING TRUDELL WAS THE VICTIM OF A "TRUMPED UP CHARGE" AND THAT TRUDELL MERELY HAD ACTED IN AN EFFORT TO DRAMATIZE THE PREDICAMENT OF STARVING INDIANS AT

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THE DUCK VALLEY RESERVATION. HE HAS ALSO WRITTEN GOVERNOR O'CALLAGHAN'S OFFICE AS WELL AS THE U.S. MAGISTRATE IN RENO REQUESTING THAT FBI CHARGES BE DISMISSED AGAINST TRUDELL AND THE MATTER REFERRED TO THE INDIAN TRIBAL AUTHORITIES AT DUCK VALLEY.

IT IS APPARENT THAT THE MEMBERS OF AIM AND THEIR SYMPATHIZERS FELT THE MATTER WOULD BE HANDLED BY TRIBAL AUTHORITIES AND THEY WERE NOT PREPARED FOR THE FBI CHARGES AGAINST TRUDELL AND ARE GOING TO ANY LENGTH TO HAVE THEM DISMISSED. IT IS MY BELIEF THE CHARGES FILED AGAINST TRUDELL SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED AND THE MATTER TAKEN INTO FEDERAL COURT. USA, LAS VEGAS IS AWARE OF MY POSITION IN THIS MATTER AND STATES HE CONCURS WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND FACSIMILE COPY OF THE LETTER FROM  WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU.

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NO RECORD RUNA SIMI IN LAS VEGAS INDICES. LOS ANGELES SEARCH INDICES AND FURNISH LAS VEGAS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ORGANIZATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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8/21

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (70-719) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;  
EM - AIM  
OO: Las Vegas

DATE: 8/15/75

Sa-QY  
PC-M. 1239

COPIES  
EX-105

Re report of SA ERIC L. MEALE dated 8/1/75.

Transmitted under separate cover via registered mail, is the following listed evidence:

1. Package of torn credit receipts
2. .32 caliber cartridge
3. .32 caliber slug
4. Empty Hawaiian Punch can
5. Fingerprint card of JOHN TRUDELL

On 7/17/75, subject fired a .32 caliber pistol in the Owyhee Trading Post, Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, which bullet passed close to the head of [redacted] owner and operator of the Owyhee Trading Post. The bullet lodging in the wall in back of [redacted]. The bullet passed through the Hawaiian Punch can before lodging in the wall.

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The torn credit charge slips were torn up by the subject and thrown on the floor of the Owyhee Trading Post, prior to the subject leaving the premises.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the cartridge and the bullet to determine the type of weapon from which the bullet was fired. Examine the path of bullet to determine, if possible, the angle from which the gun was fired, prior to the bullet lodging in the wall of the Owyhee Trading Post.

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The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the torn credit charge slips for latent fingerprints and compare any latents located with the fingerprints of JOHN TRUDELL.

After completion of the examinations, it is requested that the evidence be returned to the Las Vegas Division for trial purposes.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

PC-M1239 QY  
157-29508

Trans. page: No dictation

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 is a .32 Auto caliber jacketed bullet which has been fired from a barrel rifled with six lands and grooves, right twist. The Q1 bullet appears to bear some microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes should a suspect weapon(s) be located.

Specimen Q2 is a .32 Auto caliber cartridge case of Federal manufacture. The Q2 cartridge case appears to bear some microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes should a suspect weapon(s) be located.

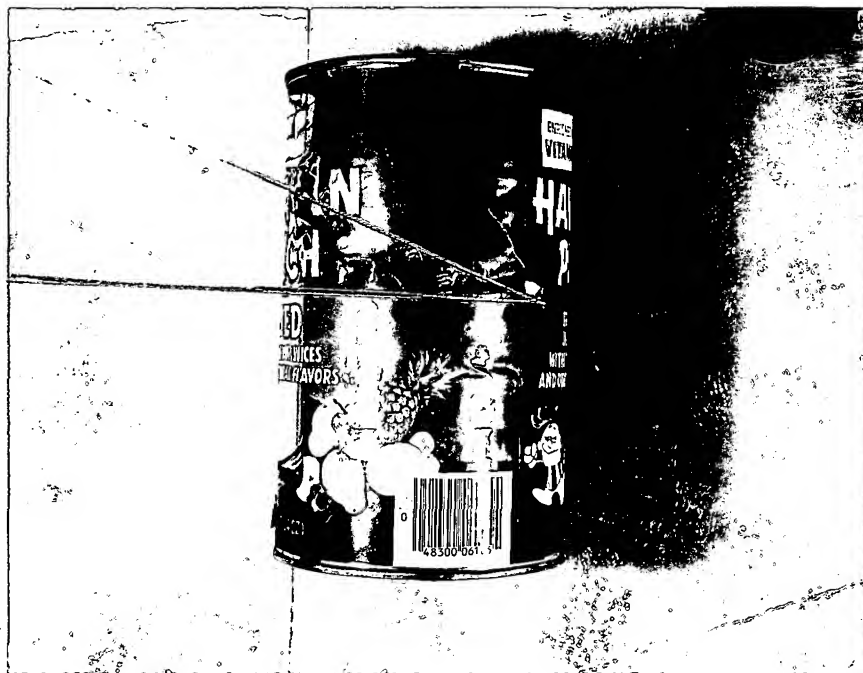
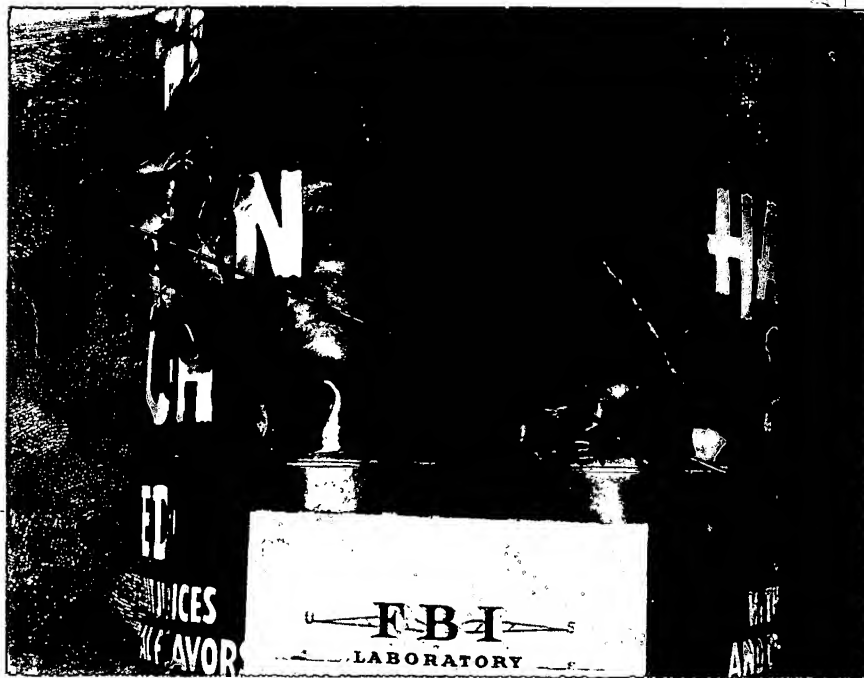
Among the weapons producing rifling impressions like those present in specimen Q1 are .32 Auto and 7.65 mm models of Smith and Wesson, Ceska Zbrojovka, Walther, Llama, Dickson, Galesi, Astra and numerous Spanish-made pistols.

An angle of approximately 21 degrees with the horizontal is formed by the two holes present in the Q3 can.

You are being separately advised regarding the results of the requested latent fingerprint examinations and as to the disposition of the "Also Submitted" items.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 are being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.





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Noted by	[redacted]
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John Francis Trudell  
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photos & reports.

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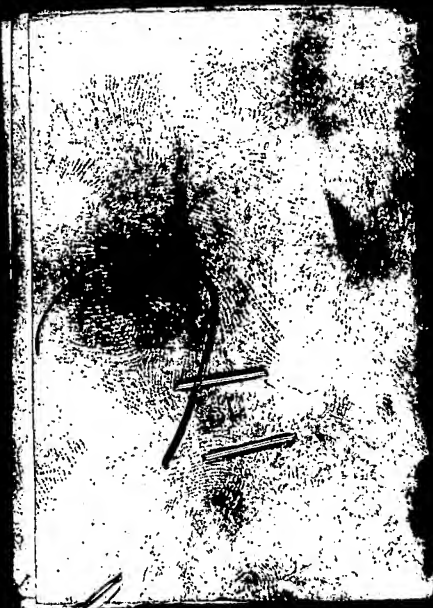
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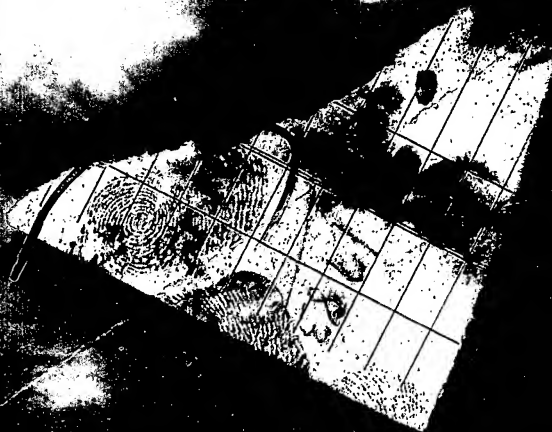
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Las Vegas (70-719)

Re: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;  
EM - AIM  
OO: Las Vegas

FBI FILE NO.

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LAB. NO.

PC-M1239 QY

YOUR NO.

Examination by:

[Redacted] yfw

A/S to LFPS FOREXAM  
DIR - Report Sep. 8/29/75

Examination requested by: Las Vegas

Reference:

Letter 8/15/75

Examination requested:

Firearms - Fingerprint

Specimens received:

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Q1

Bullet

Q2

Cartridge case

Q3

Empty Hawaiian Punch can

Also Submitted:

Package of torn credit receipts  
Fingerprint card of JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL

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Lab. rpt.  
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10/10/75

PC AA 1239 Q4

(mild)

Q1 - Bullet - .32 auto caliber FMC bullet  
most similar to Federal mfg.

CAL - 6/R Badly mutilated, Q1 retains

Imp - .055(+), extremely limited number of value

Imp - .10 for c. purposes.

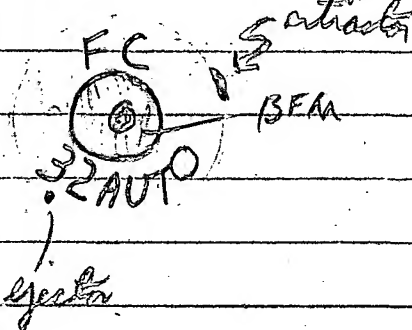
wt - 70.3 grs.

see below

(mild)

Q2 - Cartridge case - .32 auto caliber c. case of Federal mfg.

Q2 retains number of value for comparison  
purposes.



Weapons which could have fired Q1 bullet -

.32. Auto

Smith & Wesson

CZ

Walther

Various Spanish mfg. Dickson

Rama

Walco

Act 4

(incl)  
Q3 - Empty Hawaiian Punch can - 1 qt - 14 oz size.  
"Fruit Juicy Red" - A projectile has  
completely passed through can. Hole appears to  
be a bullet hole, Exit hole has a  
"ripped" open effect. 1 flake of plastic  
is embedded in label in the "H" of word (white)

Assuming can was level on plane to floor and can  
was upright when struck by bullet; the  
angle of travel of the bullet is approx. 21°.

(incl - disp by Agents)  
Also Submitted - Package of torn credit receipts.  
Fingerprint card of John Francis Truitt



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Las Vegas (70-719)**

**EX-110**

**October 14, 1975**

From: **Director, FBI**

**REC-60**  
FBI FILE NO. **157-29508-23**

LAB. NO. **FC-M1239 QY**

Re: **JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;  
EN - AIM  
OO: Las Vegas**

Examination requested by: **Las Vegas**

Reference: **Letter 8/15/75**

Examination requested: **Firearms - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

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**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab Report)**

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**REPORT  
of the**1-   37877b6  
b7c**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: SAC, Las Vegas (70-719)****October 14, 1975****FBI FILE NO. 157-29508****LAB. NO. PC-M1239 QY****Re: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;  
EM - AIM****Specimens received****8/21/75**

<b>Q1</b>	<b>Bullet</b>
<b>Q2</b>	<b>Cartridge case</b>
<b>Q3</b>	<b>Empty Hawaiian Punch can</b>

**Also Submitted: Package of torn credit receipts  
Fingerprint card of JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL**

**Result of examination:**

**Specimen Q1 is a .32 Auto caliber jacketed bullet which has been fired from a barrel rifled with six lands and grooves, right twist. The Q1 bullet appears to bear some microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes should a suspect weapon(s) be located.**

**Specimen Q2 is a .32 Auto caliber cartridge case of Federal manufacture. The Q2 cartridge case appears to bear some microscopic marks of value for comparison purposes should a suspect weapon(s) be located.**

**Among the weapons producing rifling impressions like those present in specimen Q1 are .32 Auto and 7.65 mm models of Smith and Wesson, Ceska Zbrojovka, Walther, Llama, Dickson, Galesi, Astra and numerous Spanish-made pistols.**

**Page 1****(Over)****GFW/dpl (4)**



The two holes in the Q3 can have the appearance of having been produced by a bullet. The bullet struck the can on an upward angle of approximately twenty-one degrees.

You are being separately advised regarding the results of the requested latent fingerprint examinations and as to the disposition of the "Also Submitted" items.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 are being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-29508)

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (157-2417) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
EM - AIM  
OO: LV

DATE: 9/15/75

RemPairtel and LHM dated 3/18/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of above captioned and dated LHM and enclosed for Las Vegas are two copies of above LHM for information and lead purposes.

LHM delayed, due to Agent's assignment to RESMURS Special.

Minneapolis intends to transfer origin to Las Vegas by separate FD-128.

Identity of MP T-1 is

SA ERIC L. MEALE, FBI, provided information on subject's charges, bond, his release from custody and current residence on 7/18/75.

## LEAD

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

In view of subject's recent violent activities and use of firearms, it is recommended that Las Vegas consider subject for inclusion in ADEX.

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2 - Bureau (Enclosures 5) (RM)  
3 - Las Vegas (157-1265) (1-70-719) (Enclosures 2) (RM)  
1 - Minneapolis  
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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
ADD. DISSEMINATION

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 19, 1975

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL

A characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM) is set forth in an appendix page, attached hereto.

An article entitled "News Media Hit On Fairchild", which appeared in the April, 1975 edition of the Indian newspaper "Wassaja", a monthly publication of general circulation, printed in San Francisco, California, quoted John Trudell, National Chairman of the AIM, as saying that AIM wanted to seek "some objective journalism" but did not. The article advised that Trudell stated that the incident concerning the assault of a newsman by an AIM member at the Fairchild Plant in Shiprock, New Mexico, was unfortunate, but felt that news reports describing the incident were unfair. The article advised that Trudell claimed that the real reason behind the takeover of the Fairchild Plant was its "exploitation of the Navajo people."

On June 3, 1975, [redacted] Agency Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Shiprock, New Mexico, advised that Navajo Tribal Police Lieutenant Colonel [redacted] met with AIM leader John Trudell and several other Indians at Window Rock, New Mexico, to make arrangements with the Navajo Tribal Council to obtain the local fairgrounds for the 1975 AIM National Convention.

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During June 10 through 21, 1975, Trudell was in Klamath Falls, Oregon to "help" a local hereditary Indian chief get his land from the Federal Government.

MP T-1  
February 5, 1975

ENCLOSURE

151-27508-24

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL

On July 18, 1975, captioned article "AIM Figure Arrested In Gun Battle" appeared in the "St. Paul, Minnesota Dispatch", a published daily, of general circulation and advised that John Trudell engaged in a gun battle between Federal agents, BIA police and local Elko and Owyhee, Nevada authorities. The article advised that Trudell was described as the acting head of AIM and was taken into custody after his house was surrounded on Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Duck Valley, Nevada, located five miles south of the Idaho border.

On July 18, 1975, an authorized complaint was filed by Special Agent of the FBI before U.S. Magistrate Jack Ames, Elko, Nevada, charging John Francis Trudell with violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1152 (Assault With A Deadly Weapon).

Trudell was released on \$10,000 bond on July 19, 1975. It was determined by a Special Agent of the FBI that following Trudell's release from custody, he returned to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, near Owyhee, Nevada and is presently residing there.

Special Agent of the FBI  
July 18, 1975

On July 22, 1975, [redacted] advised that on July 17, 1975, Trudell was arrested at his home on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada by BIA Officers, for allegedly assaulting the proprietor of the local trading post on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Trudell is alleged to have used a pistol in assaulting the owner and he was arraigned before the U.S. Magistrate in Elko on July 18, 1975, on Federal assault charges.

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JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL

[ ] further advised that the weapon in Trudell's possession, at the time of his surrender, was a U.S. .30 caliber M-1 carbine, serial number 36760. He advised that Trudell was also in possession of two fully loaded clips for this weapon, while barricaded in his residence.

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Officer [ ] provided the following description of Trudell:

Sex	Male
Race	Indian
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	February 15, 1946
Place of Birth	Omaha, Nebraska
Height	5'7"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Black, long
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slim
Complexion	Light
Scars and Marks	Eagle tattoo, left forearm; word "Indian" tattooed to upper right arm
Occupation	Unemployed
Tribal affiliation	Santee Sioux
Marital Status	Married



## APPENDIX

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### AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

A source advised on May 22, 1975, that the American Indian Movement (AIM) was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, as a civil rights organization with stated goals to secure Indian self-determination and to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white oriented education and the federal government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

All AIM chapters, leaders and members are not considered violent-prone; however, AIM members led by various violent-prone leaders have participated in the takeover of the BIA Building, Washington, D.C., in November, 1972, and participated in confrontations with local authorities which resulted in violence at Scottsbluff, Nebraska; the Rapid City - Custer area of South Dakota; the Occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms from February 27, 1973, through May 8, 1973. Since that time AIM leaders, members and supporters have also been involved in numerous confrontations with local and federal authorities, including the killing of a deputy sheriff in Arizona, the severe beating of two police officers in South Dakota, and extensively damaging a county courthouse at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Other incidents which AIM has been a party to included the takeover of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate, Gresham, Wisconsin, the Fairchild Plant, Shiprock, New Mexico, and a Pork Plant in Wagner, South Dakota, all occurring in early 1975.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 157-29508 ) DATE: 9/23/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-2417) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
EM - AIM

Re Minneapolis LHM to Bureau, dated 9/15/75.

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security or extremist investigation by this office. The LAS VEGAS Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The LAS VEGAS Division is being considered the new Office of Origin.

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.		Residence address  Duck Valley Indian Reservation Elko, Nevada Assignment Number 1510
Key Facility Data Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
<b>Identification Division Data</b> Check OR note the following applicable statements: <input type="checkbox"/> A security flash on subject has been <b>PREVIOUSLY</b> placed in FBI # _____; therefore, copy of this form is designated for Identification Division. <input type="checkbox"/> A security flash on subject has been <b>PREVIOUSLY</b> placed in Identification Division; however, FBI number is <b>NOT KNOWN</b> . The following information, therefore, is being furnished and a copy of this form is designated for Identification Division. Race: _____ Other Identifying Numbers: _____ Date and Place of Birth: _____ Fingerprint Classification: _____ <b>NOTE:</b> Do <b>NOT</b> designate <b>COPY</b> of FD-128 for Identification Division if FD-165 previously <b>RETURNED</b> to field office because no fingerprints located on subject.		
<b>Check the following applicable statements:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> This individual is the subject of an ADEX Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the ADEX at FBIHQ. The _____ Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.) <input type="checkbox"/> Subject is designated a Key Black Extremist. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject is designated a Key Activist. <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject is included in the Extremist Photograph Album (EPA). The new Office of _____ submit a new complete FD-432 showing the new address and Office of Origin of subject. <input type="checkbox"/> Dissemination made Secret Service locally re above information. (Two copies of FD-366 enclosed for the Bureau)		
Do Not Send to Data Processing No ADEX 10/3/75 REC-60 157-29508-25		
The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter: <input type="checkbox"/> Adex Cards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serials (specify) (See Page 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Designated Office of Origin in receipt of all pertinent serials <input type="checkbox"/> 2 copies of FD-366 (1 copy for dissemination to local Secret Service) <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below) <input type="checkbox"/> Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph <input type="checkbox"/> None available <input type="checkbox"/> Previously furnished		

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2-Las Vegas (157-1265) (Enc. 18) (RM)  
1-Minneapolis

Enc.

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Handwritten signature/initials  
RUC

MP (157-2417)

The following serials are provided to Las Vegas:

11 newspaper articles;

FD-306, dated 2/13/74;

Albany letter to Minneapolis, dated 11/15/74;

Oklahoma City LHM to Albany, dated 2/27/75;

Albany letter to Minneapolis, dated 4/8/75.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

## LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 70-719  
 FBI FILE NO.  
 LATENT CASE NO. B-17105

October 3, 1975

TO: SAC, Las Vegas

RE: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL;  
 CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON  
 EM - AIM

REFERENCE: Letter 8-15-75  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Las Vegas  
 SPECIMENS: Forty torn pieces of credit receipts  
 Fingerprints of John Francis Trudell,  
 FBI #231789P

Specimens examined and three latent fingerprints and two latent palm prints of value developed on four pieces of credit receipts.

See attached page for result of one latent fingerprint comparison.

Two latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints Trudell. No palm prints available here for this individual.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report being furnished separately.

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THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Clarence M. Kelley, Director

5-11-75  
 70-110

Your File No. 70-719  
Latent Case No. B-17105

October 3, 1975

RE: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL, FBI #231789F

A latent fingerprint developed on a torn piece of credit receipt bearing writing "coffee," has been identified as an impression of the right middle finger of Trudell.

## LATENTS

## Laboratory Work Sheet

Received 8/28/75

FBI FILE NO.

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PC-M1239 QY

YOUR NO.

LC # B-17105

Examination by:

A/S to LFPS For EXAM + OBD  
Reports Sep 9/27/75 C. Shyler

**Noted By:**

Specimens received: 8/21

Q1 Bullet  
Q2 Cartridge case  
Q3 Empty Hawaiian Punch can

✓ Also Submitted: (40 items) Package of torn credit receipts ~~6~~  
Fingerprint card of JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL -  
- 7/22/75 km (copy) FBI # 231-789-5 Subject

Examination completed

Dictated

Time

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 10/10/75

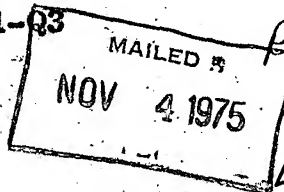
Re:

JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON;  
EM - AIM

TO: SAC, Las Vegas  
(70-719)

Invoice of Contents

Q1-Q3



- ☐ Crypt.-Trans.
- ☐ Document
- ☒ P & C
- ☒ Radio Engineering
- ☐ LFPS

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Special Instructions:  
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initial invoice; return to Section checked in block; after  
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Date 10/31/75

To: ☒ Director

Att.: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE LV 70-719

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_ CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVA-  
☐ Supv. \_\_\_\_\_ TION - ASSAULT WITH A  
☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_ DEADLY WEAPON; EXTREMIST  
MATTERS - AMERICAN  
INDIAN MOVEMENT

☐ SE \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ IC \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ CC \_\_\_\_\_ RE: Report of SA ERIC L.  
☐ Steno \_\_\_\_\_ MEALE, 10/29/75, at Las  
Vegas.

☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION DESIRED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge   | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Case  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring file  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call me   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return assignment card   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct   | <input type="checkbox"/> Return file  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and return  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed   | <input type="checkbox"/> See me   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Serial # _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue   | <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge <input type="checkbox"/> Return |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation or notation as to action taken. |   |

Please remove FD-204 in referenced report  
and insert the attached amended FD-204.

ENCLOSURE

See reverse side

SAC JACK KEITH, JR.

Office Las Vegas

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Date: 10/28/75

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, BUREAU  
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (70-719) (P)  
SUBJ: JOHN FRANCES TRUDELL  
CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION -  
ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON  
EXTREMIST MATTER - AIM  
00: Las Vegas

Re report of SA ERIC L. MEALE 8/11/75, LV.

Subject appeared U. S. District Court, Reno, Nevada, on 10/17/75 concerning a hearing on motion filed by subject. The main motion being that matter be transferred from Federal Court to Tribal Court, Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, Nevada, so subject could be tried by his peers.

Court advised subject matter would be transferred to Elko, Nevada, for trial as Federal Court can be held in Elko and subject declined to accept, claiming could not get fair trial in either Elko or Reno, Nevada.

Subject told court that court has already determined his guilt and subject would not appear for trial. Subject advised court he would not fight but would not appear and would be necessary for U. S. Marshall to come get him at residence on Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

[REDACTED] AIM Sympathizer, from Los Angeles, California, contacted subject's attorney in courtroom and requested attorney to advise court to revoke subject's bond,

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1-Minneapolis  
3-Las Vegas  
(1-157-1265)  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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which attorney did and court refused, stating no one from bonding company had made requests to withdraw bond.

Courtroom completely filled with American Indians, two busloads having travelled to Reno, Nevada, from California. No demonstration at Reno, Nevada.

Subject held TV and press conferences after completion of hearing making same statements to TV and press as made in courtroom.

Above being furnished for information.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile 157-29508)

DATE: 10/31/75

FROM : SAC, Las Vegas (157-1265)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL

EM-AIM

Reference: Minneapolis FD128, 9/23/75

- Recommend: ☒ Inclusion in ADEX (summary attached)\*  
☐ Removal from ADEX (summary attached)\*  
☐ Changes in ADEX card (specify change only) (Two copies of FD-366 are enclosed for the Bureau)

\* Abstract required.

Name <b>JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL</b>		Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race <input type="checkbox"/> White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <b>American Indian</b>
Also known as: <b>John Francis Brown,</b> <b>John Trudell</b> <b>John Trudell Manning</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental page attached.		Citizenship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U. S. <input type="checkbox"/> Alien - Specify Country	
Date of Birth (Month, day, year) <b>2-15-46</b>	Place of Birth <b>Omaha, Nebraska</b>	Employment Occupation: <b>Unemployed</b>	
Residence Address <b>Duck Valley Indian</b> <b>Reservation</b> <b>Owyhee, Nevada</b>		Firm & Address: <b>EX-112</b> <b>REC 68</b> <b>157-29508-2</b> <b>MCT-34</b> <b>5 NOV 7 1975</b>	
Type of Activity (Check principal activity only)			
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Geographical Reference Number		Responsible Agency	

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No action being taken, per  
Butel 1/14/76 re discontinuance of  
ADEX.  
1/19/76 RWH/mfm

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**Succinct Resume:**

Subject is co-chairman of the American Indian Movement (AIM). He was one of the original participants in the takeover of Alcatraz Island by American Indians in 1969. He has travelled throughout the United States making speeches for the American Indian Movement (AIM). He has expressed peaceful views in obtaining AIM objectives, but on occasions has advocated violence. In February, 1975, subject participated in the Indian takeover of the Fairchild Corporation, Shiprock, New Mexico. In July, 1975, subject was arrested on assault charges at Owyhee, Nevada. He was charged with firing a gunshot in direction of the proprietor after an argument with the proprietor over food prices and his charge account.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that due to the above information, subject be considered for inclusion on ADEX.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>LAS VEGAS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>LAS VEGAS</b>	DATE <b>12/3/75</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/24/75 - 11/20/75</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ERIC L. MEALE</b>	TYPED BY <b>dsc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>EIR - ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON; EXTREMIST MATTERS - AIM</b>	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA ERIC L. MEALE, dated 8/1/75, and 10/29/75, at Las Vegas.

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ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU:

Enclosed for the Bureau is one disposition sheet for JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Minneapolis Division to be forwarded to Rapid City, inasmuch as the subject is a known member of AIM.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
						PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: 5 - Bureau (Enc. 1) 1 - USA, Las Vegas (Attn: AUSA, Reno) 2 - Minneapolis (Info) 2 - Las Vegas (1 - 70-719) (1 - 157-1265)		157-29508-30	REC 8
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report		Notations	
Agency	<i>[Signature]</i>	AGENCY DIA	
Request Recd.		DEC 55	
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By			

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Las Vegas (Attn: AUSA Reno, Nevada)

Report of: SA ERIC L. MEALE Office: Las Vegas, Nevada  
Date: 12/3/75

Field Office File #: 70-719 Bureau File #:

Title: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL

Character: CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION - ASSAULT WITH A  
DEADLY WEAPON; EXTREMIST MATTERS - AMERICAN  
INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis: Information filed U. S. District Court, Reno,  
Nevada, on August 7, 1975, dismissed in U. S.  
District Court on 11/6/75, as subject is not an Indian.

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## DETAILS:

On October 24, 1975, the subject and his attorney appeared in U. S. District Court, Reno, Nevada, to argue motions concerning the information filed against the subject in U. S. District Court, Reno, on August 7, 1975.

At this time, the Court denied all of the motions filed on behalf of the subject and the subject made the statement in open court that this Federal Court had already determined the subject's guilt, prior to this matter going to trial.

As a result of investigation conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs concerning the subject, it was determined that the subject is not an Indian, he is not a member of the Sante Sioux tribe, and is not listed on the rolls of this tribe as an Indian.

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The Bureau of Indian Affairs determined that the subject's father was a Caucasian, and his mother is a Mexican American. Further that he was raised by a step-father named TRUDELL.

As it was determined that the subject was not an Indian, the information that had been filed against the subject in U. S. District Court, Reno, Nevada, was dismissed in U. S. District Court, Reno, on November 6, 1975.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29508)

DATE: 2/19/76

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1265) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN FRANCIS TRUDELL  
EM - AIM  
OO: Las Vegas

Re Las Vegas FD-122 dated 10/31/75, and Bureau  
R/S dated 1/19/76.

In that the Adex program has been discontinued  
this case is being closed at Las Vegas. There are no  
outstanding leads and subject's activities will be covered  
by sources and public source information.

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PMS WILLIAM WEBSTER DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON DC

DEAR MR WEBSTER:

ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 1979 THE LEONARD PELTIER DEFENSE COMMITTEE STAGED A DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON THAT INCLUDED THE BURNING OF AN AMERICAN FLAG. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEMONSTRATION, THE HOME OF JOHN TRUDELL, LOCATED IN OWYHEE, NEVADA, CAUGHT FIRE UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSING THE DEATHS OF HIS FOUR CHILDREN, MOTHER-IN-LAW AND HIS WIFE TINA, A HEAD ORGANIZER ON THE RESERVATION.

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AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT,

FEB 26 1979

Letter to Congressman Dellums  
JES: [signature]  
FEB 26 1979

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MR TRUDELL WAS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE LPDC PROTEST.  
DUE TO THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, I STRONGLY FEEL THAT THE NEVADA  
FIRE DESERVES YOUR IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.  
PLEASE REPORT TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE  
STATUS OF THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

RONALD V DELLUMS MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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February 16, 1979

1 - Mr. [redacted]  
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Honorable Ronald V. Dellums  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515.

~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

Dear Congressman Dellums:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated February 14, 1979, concerning the fire at John Trudell's home resulting in the tragic deaths of his immediate family.

The initial investigation was conducted by Bureau of Indian Affairs officers who indicated no arson was involved. At the request of the United States Attorney's office in Nevada, the Nevada State Fire Marshal's office began an investigation on February 13, 1979, which is continuing. Their preliminary findings indicate the fire was accidental; however, they are not eliminating the possibility of arson at this time.

Please be assured that if it is determined the cause of this fire was arson, we will immediately institute an investigation.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

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William H. Webster  
Director

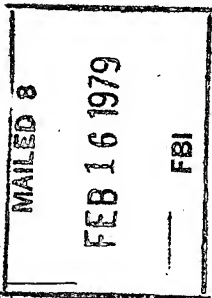
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Honorable Ronald V. Dellums

NOTE: This is in response to a telegram from Congressman Dellums of California wherein he indicated that the home of John Trudell caught fire under suspicious circumstances causing the deaths of his immediate family during the early morning hours of February 13, 1979. Congressman Dellums indicated that Mr. Trudell was one of the organizers of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee which staged a demonstration in Washington, D. C., this past weekend. Congressman Dellums indicated that the FBI should investigate the aforementioned fire. The information in this letter was provided by ASAC Decker of Las Vegas.

APPROVED: *WJH*

Director

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April 26, 1979

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

JOHN TRUDELL

Dear President Carter:

You are no doubt aware of the fire of suspicious origin that destroyed the home of John Trudell, American Indian Movement leader, and took the lives of his wife and young children at Duck Valley Paiute-Shoshone Reservation in northern Nevada. At that time John Trudell was in Washington, D.C., conducting a vigil for Leonard Peltier at the Supreme Court.

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Since John Trudell has been a leader in the work of the Minnesota Citizens Review Commission on the F.B.I., it is once apparent that the F.B.I. could not approach an investigation of this fire with proper objectivity. Therefore, I requested that the FBI not be allowed to investigate this case, as the situation involves a clear conflict of interest.

CORRESPONDENCE

Respectfully yours,

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June 18, 1979

Ms. [redacted]

[redacted] New York [redacted]

Dear Ms. [redacted]

Your recent letter to the President expressing your views concerning the fire at the home of John Trudell earlier this year was referred to the FBI where it was received on May 25th.

For your information, the initial investigation into this tragedy was conducted by Bureau of Indian Affairs officers who indicated no arson was involved. At the request of the United States Attorney's Office in Nevada, the Nevada State Fire Marshal's Office began an investigation into this matter on February 13, 1979, and that office subsequently ruled that the fire was accidental. Hence, no FBI investigation was conducted.

Sincerely yours, ST-103

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William L. Bailey  
Assistant Director

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1 - Las Vegas - Enclosure  
ReBucal 6/4/79.

NOTE: Correspondent refers to a fire 2/13/79 which took the lives of Trudell's wife, four children and mother-in-law. (157-29508). Reply coordinated with Special Agent [redacted] General Government Crimes Unit, Personal and Property Crimes Section, CID.

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